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"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." This prayer of the Psalmist is impressed upon us as we note the passing season. The closing year has been crowded full of significant events; the march of truth has been grandly onward, and its increasing light has made the darkness of sin more visible.

Naturally the mind turns back to review the little part which we have borne, and how utterly insignificant do the efforts of the most zealous appear in the retrospective; the more so in view of the glorious future of the church of Christ. Fortunate will it be, if we do not linger at the backward glance, but, grasping the truth that Christ's teaching of love and good-will is to be known in all the earth, and "forgetting the steps already trod, onward press our way," with a new sense of being called to increased activity, to a deeper faith, and a more liberal hope.

The review of the work of the Society may not give the satisfaction of some former years. There may have been greater anxiety and some faltering, yet there has not been the appearance of defeat. Each year makes us richer in plans and purposes, and in overcoming obstacles which develop resources. Putting aside our worldly reasoning, let us be very jealous of his honor, who has pledged his word in the promises, "Ask, and ye shall receive," and "according to your faith be it unto you." So shall we come to know of the

secret of self-forgetfulness for the good of others, and some measure of that wisdom which is pure and imparts restful assurance.

THERE comes pressing home such a burden of work and responsibility on some who have been called to stand near the front, and whose duty it is to inquire into the needs of those who are battling strong and brave, as well as of others who are weary and faint from exhaustion, that the anxious thought is, how are those now indifferent to be enlisted, whom the Lord surely wants in this branch of service. In a letter from a friend whose sacrifices and labors reach almost to "the losing of life," literally, are these thoughts that are worthy of attention: "I could long for three or four bodies, as you find yourself tempted to do, there is so much to be done, so many things which a few more willing workers might easily accomplish, and which surely if not done, will leave blame at somebody's door. For the Lord must want them done; for instance, the raising of the money for -I can see that the whole sum might easily be raised by correspondence if there were only a pen with a heart behind it; nay, but there must needs also be a hand not already filled, to hold the pen. . . . How can any one let anything blunt their sensibility to these facts, that millions of women and children are waiting for the Gospel at our hands, and that the surest, strongest, and most expeditious way of carrying it to them, is by uniting in one solid phalanx for this very purpose. How can any one that loves Jesus and has any sense of what his Gospel is worth to her, help longing to join, yes, gladly joining (for any one can who will), in the best way of carrying this Gospel to the ends of the earth!

"The trouble is,— it cannot be otherwise,— that hearts are preoccupied with their own affairs, so there is not room for that spirit of Jesus that would lose life, if need be, to save others. Alas! alas! and we are all guilty of a large share of this indifference. This admonition has often come to me, 'Thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art who judgest, for wherein thou judgest another thou condemnest thyself. For thou also that judgest doest the same things.'

"It may not be under the same circumstances, it may not be in the same degree, God only can see that; but 'the same things thou doest.' And so let us tenderly help each other to arise more and more to self-forgetful service. This we must every one do, or we shall grieve our Lord."

# REMINISCENCES.

BY MRS. M. M. H. HILLS.

(SECOND DECADE OF THE F. B. INDIA MISSION.)

IMMEDIATELY after Mr. Phillips' return from the embarkation of his sons, early in January, 1852, he resumed his missionary excursions, accompanied by Rama, and a portion of the time by Elias, the Santal preacher. In not a few of the villages they found evidences that the truth was beginning to leaven the community. True, as yet, real conversions had been few and far between, but the three great strongholds of Hinduism — brahmins, shasters, and caste — were fast losing their power over the people, and many of its revolting rites had become among the things that were.

In these excursions, as in former ones, they freely distributed tracts and portions of the Scriptures, which in some places were most eagerly sought for, not only by the rabble, but by the brahmins and respectable Hindus. At one place, Mr. Phillips found it impracticable to make a judicious distribution among all the classes able to read. He thus described the scene: "January 12 we preached the 'Glad tidings' to crowds at the great bathing jattra at Sarsangka. The people thronged and rushed upon me so as to carry me along with them quite at their mercy. The free use of my ridingwhip — to which no exceptions were taken — would keep them at bay for a moment, but the instant my hand was withdrawn to reach out a tract, fifty hands would be upraised ready to snatch it, with deafening cries: 'O Sahib, give me a book!' 'I can read, give me a book!' 'Give me Jesus Christ's book!' 'I will worship him!' 'I have got none!' 'You give to those who can't read. I can read, but you give me none!' 'Just give me a book!' 'I'll show you I can read!' etc., etc. After becoming fatigued, I retired about three P. M., to my tent, and rested till the people began to disperse. Then mounting my horse, which I had a man lead while another walked by my side with a covered basket of books, I succeeded much better in placing a tract or a gospel in the hands of those able

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to read. In this way I went around the large tank in which the people bathed, and gave away hundreds of tracts and Gospels. . . . The same willingness to hear and discuss the truths of the Gospel, and eagerness to obtain books, were manifest at Olmara as well as at Sarsangka. Christianity and native Christians are subjects which have come to be realities no longer to be turned off with a sneer. Notwithstanding people are said to become beside themselves on hearing us preach, the matter must be discussed and understood, and so the facts of the Gospel are listened to with interest."

At Raibania, the collector of the village heard the Gospel with much attention. He told Mr. Phillips that while recently passing a stone goddess, he first threw a clod of earth on the head, then finding that he received no harm, he applied his foot and kicked her over, - still the goddess said nothing. At the same place, a native doctor called for books who gave Mr. Phillips a very interesting relation of his father's death, which occurred about three years previously. "The old man," said Mr. Phillips, "had read our books, had entirely renounced idolatry, and when about to die, solemnly charged his son to make no feast for the brahmins after his death, according to Hindu custom, but to meditate on God, and then he would meet him in another world. The son obeyed his father's injunctions, but with much ado to keep his caste. Who can say that such a man died far from the kingdom of Heaven?" In another village he called on a naib or land agent, whom he found reading the New Testament in course, and who expressed an anxious desire to possess the whole Bible. His references proved him to be a careful student. He thought, however, this going from place to place, making a few converts here and there, exposing them to persecution, and perhaps starvation, was not the better way. His plan was to obtain a government order for all to become Christians, and the work would be done at once. said Mr. Phillips, "so thought not the Man of Sorrows. Disciple, not compel all nations." At Bazarsene, also, he met much encouragement. Bhagabat, a barber and a man of influence, he deemed, was not far from the kingdom. He found there a boishnob, exorcist, fortune teller, etc.,

—an old man,—who had long been the terror of his neighbors, whom they had named kendua, or wolf. Bhagabat had directed his attention to the Gospel, and supplied him with books. The old man, after listening a while to Mr. Phillips, denounced Hinduism as a system of lies, useful only to the brahmins, who contrived by means of it to sponge a living from the people. Addressing his neighbors, he asked, "Which of your incarnations ever imparted salvation? What have they done to provide deliverance from sin? Destroy life, they do, but save none. You, brahmins, give life to blocks of wood and stone! Let them once raise the dead—a son or father whom they love." Subsequently he visited Mr. Phillips in his tent, and seemed to drink in the truths of the Gospel with a ready appreciation. Other visitors at the tent said, "We never saw things in this light before."

In one of these towns Mr. Phillips labored four days at a large annual jattra among the Santals at Sebastra-ling, about fifteen miles from Jellasore. He said: "No people, perhaps, are more fascinated with music and dancing than are the Santals. Equipped with drums, flutes, feathers, and a few fantastic gewgaws, they seem in raptures, and men, women, and children dance, it may be, a whole twenty-four hours. My tent was pitched under a tree near the edge of a field. Dancing commenced at evening, and continued all night and the next day, till the sun went down. . . . I was forcibly struck with the artless simplicity of this people over whom my heart yearns. I like to visit them in their jungle hamlets, and listen to their social chat, and I never do it without having my heart stirred within me, and grieving that I can do so little to save their precious souls. Most ardently have I prayed and longed for salvation to come to this longneglected, long-oppressed, but deeply interesting people." It was impossible for Mr. Phillips, in connection with his other mission duties, to follow up any system of direct efforts for their evangelization. His plan of receiving Santal lads into the boarding-school at his station, and allowing them to retain caste, had not worked well. Of the twenty-five he had thus taken, most of them, after learning to read and write, had left the mission. Two of them, Elias Hutchins

and Daniel P. Cilley, had become valuable assistants, not only in Mr. Phillips' tours among their people, but in the preparation of a school literature for their future use. An Introduction to the Santal Language, comprising a grammar, reading lessons, and a dictionary of nearly 5000 words, a volume of 190 pages, had been published the past year. He had previously issued a Santal primer and a sequel, also translations of two of the gospels. These efforts had attracted the notice of the editor of the Friend of India, J. C. Marshman, Esq., and brought to Mr. Phillips a letter containing the following extract: "The Santals are a most interesting people, and it is not unlikely that they may furnish as many churches as the Karens. . . . You have made the Santals the peculiar object of your solicitude, and you should address your society on the subject, and prepare them to follow up your efforts, and lay themselves out for a Santal mission. You ought to have two or three missionaries in the most favorable localities." Said Mr. Phillips, in a letter to the secretary: "It still remains for our society to take the lead and make a beginning in this good work. Has not God in his providence called us to this very thing? Shall we then be faint-hearted, and still hold back and allow the Santals to perish in their blindness, or suffer some other society to step in and take our crown? Can we be thus recreant, and not incur a fearful amount of guilt? Or can we expect God's blessing to attend us when we thus disregard a manifestly divine call? Must the plea of the poor Santals always be heard in vain?"

At the expiration of Mr. Phillips' cold season labors, he found a pressure of duties at his station requiring attention. He had baptized and added to his church three native women, two of whom were Abhir's sisters. He said: Could I have a colleague, it would be a great advantage to our work. But I have so long waited and hoped for the happiness of being joined by a fellow-laborer at my own station, that to indulge such a hope longer seems like hoping against hope. The will of the Lord be done."

Venomous serpents in great numbers exist in India, and many are their victims each year. Miss Crawford wrote, June 22, 1852. . . "I have a sad narrative to write you this

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month. On Friday, the 11th inst., I dismissed my pupils as All seemed in excellent health and remarkably happy, excepting some who were weighed down under a sense of guilt before a holy God. Among the gay, Elizabeth was the gayest, and her merry laugh was often heard above all the others. . . . Just as the next morning was dawning, I was awakened by the calling of the girls. Hastening to them, I found Elizabeth standing, supported on either side by other girls, the tears flowing down her burning cheeks. She extended her arms towards me most imploringly, rapidly repeating my name. I sent immediately for our native doctor, and Bro. Cooley, and soon learned that she had been bitten by a serpent. Remedies were administered, but in vain. Her hearing was nearly gone, and she seemed choking to death. Her struggles were violent and terrible, but life was fast waning, and when the bell struck eight, she was still and cold As nearly as we could learn, she was bitten in death. about four o'clock. The girls were sleeping on their veranda, as they often do in the hot season. Elizabeth was lying about the middle of the veranda, with many others on either side. Louisa, a dear little saint, lying close to her, was awakened by feeling a snake crawling over her bare arms and bosom. Springing up, she threw him off and sounded the All were awakened. Elizabeth, who had been sleeping very soundly, accused the girls of having pinched her knee. They denied it; still she did not suspect that she had been bitten till she was seized with violent pain. Shocking as were her physical sufferings, they were nothing to her agony of dying without hope. She had been brought up in the school at Jellasore, had received much religious instruction, but we fear that she had never believed to the saving of her soul. On the evening preceding her death, while the girls were having prayer, she disturbed them with her laughing and play. At the close of the service, Lydia, a very pious young woman, reprovingly asked her if she did not know that she might die before morning. She replied, O, no; she had many years to live; she should become an old The sad death of poor Elizabeth made a very solemn impression on our little community. All day her corpse remained in the school-house, the girls watching her remains in mournful silence, broken at times by sobs, and by the inquiry, 'Where is her spirit now?' . . . On one side of me, below, were the weeping ones with the remains of

their late gay companion; on the other, lay a pilgrim on the veranda, lame and much emaciated by his long traveling towards Pooree, to catch a sight of his god, groaning and calling 'J-u-g-g-e-r-nath! J-u-g-g-e-r-nath!' the sun was nearly down, we followed our dead to the grave. I pray I may never see another such day. My mind had been so much excited that at evening I seemed to hear snakes in every stirring leaf. I could see no way of escape, no possibility of saving myself — did not lie down to sleep until I felt quite willing to die by the bite of a snake, should it be the Lord's will. At last I fell asleep in a very peaceful frame of mind. . . . I used to go about a great deal in the dark, and nearly always came from Bro. Cooley's, after tea, without a light. I would not venture thus into the public road, but thought there was no danger in our crosspath, concluding the snakes would run away at my approach, should there be any in the path. I shall probably now go to the other extreme and be overmuch cautious. I am usually able to look about for snakes with as much composure as I would look in the garden for a beautiful flower. From the one hundred and twenty-first Psalm I derive much comfort."

The religious interest, deepened by the sad death of Elizabeth, continued for several of the following months. In September, Mrs. Cooley, in writing of the spirit of deep seriousness that had for some time pervaded their boardingschool, said, "Three have been baptized, others are requesting baptism whom we trust are heirs of God, while still many others are seeking the Saviour. We are greatly encouraged while we see those who but recently were bowing down to idol gods, also those set apart for human sacrifices, now bowing the knee to Jesus. The Khunds say, if they had remained in their own country they should never have heard of the way of salvation, and their souls would have been lost forever lost. They express a great aversion to returning to their own country and again mingling with the heathen, though we hope some of them will yet go back as teachers, when they become fitted for the work."

A Japanese girl from the élite circle of Japanese society is leader of the classes in Vassar College.

## RATS.

BY MRS. LUCY S. BAINBRIDGE.

Do you know the story of Kothahbyu Memorial Hall at Bassien, Burmah? How it cost thirty thousand dollars, the gift of the Christian Karens of this district for the education of their children, and as a memorial of that first convert from their tribe, Kothahbyn? It is a beautiful structure, and would grace any city in our own land. The sweet bell in the tower, given by Sabbath school children of one of the New York City churches, had summoned us, along with the groups of bright-faced intelligent Karen girls and boys, to the school. We had listened in the class-rooms to various recitations which would do credit to even New England boys and girls, had been thrilled by the gospel singing in the spacious auditorium or general hall of the building, and had watched these same earnest students under the wise leadership of the missionary teachers, sweeping, digging and paddyhusking, just as busy with their hands as at other times with their brains. But do you say how does all this talk of a busy school-hive have anything to do with the subject at the heading? Wait a bit — the rats come in by and by. By the kind arrangement of these richly blessed missionaries, to whom the Karens owe an immense debt of gratitude, Rev. and Mrs. Carpenter, we were to visit among the homes of some of these school children, and in order to do so we were to go with them by native boat through the winding, twisting creeks of that district, reaching as many of the Christian villages as possible in a few days' time. But it was not all accomplished by boat. No! we had one experience of riding several miles on elephants. Native Christians left their work and came down to the creek at one point with their elephants, so that the teachers and American friends might go up to their village.

It was too swampy for the huge beast to kneel; then how was I to mount? From the little boat deck I must step on a log, and then climb a tree far enough up to step off on to the great head and drop into the howdah. Does your imagination put a scarlet-lined, cushioned, gilt-edged affair on to that elephant's back, into which one could luxuriously rest as

the animal gracefully meandered off?

Then your imagination is altogether astray. Instead, I dropped into a rough, wooden, saw-horse style of seat, lined

with a little straw or coarse grass, and the great beast swung along with a racking gait. The native driver astride of his head in front of me, with bare toes behind the huge flapping ears, guided the creature. The toes were the reins, and a large Burman knife or dah, with which the interloping branches

and vines were cleared away, served also as a whip.

The native struck the animal's head with blade or handle as occasion required. Well! I must say the novelty was very pleasant at first, but wait before you become too enthusiastic over the delights of such missionary work. After the first mile one begins to wonder how far away the village is, and how long it takes to get there, and of how good a pillow would feel, and of whether one's limbs could ever get so sound asleep they would never wake up, and of how much racking ones vertabræ will endure and not break in two. Well! elephant-riding may look charming in a menagerie, or round the lake at Kensington Gardens, London, but do not put it down as one of the most delightful experiences of lady missionaries. However, it might be worse. To reach some of the homes we must needs walk over intervening creeks on a teetering bridge of bamboo poles, with only a shaky bamboo for a hand rail, and again we had no rail, and in order to cross, we, who had never taken lessons of Blondin or other performers on tightrope, must crawl over on hands and knees.

But we are among the homes! Look in with us and shake hands with some of these brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. See how these generous people live who have built Kothahbyu Hall, and commenced its endowment with the amount already raised of fifteen thousand dollars, and support their pastors and educate their children. There is no cellar or foundation stone to this native home; it rests on posts, five or six feet high, which are set securely in the ground. elevation is a necessity in this climate, with its long rainy sea-The front entrance is that notched pole yonder. This is the pastor's home, he motions us to climb up, and we will call on his family. This verandah is the general eating place. In that little room is a sort of brick trough covered with ashes on which a fire is made, and where the rice is cooked when the rain prevents them from cooking on the ground beyond the house. The roof is thickly thatched, and the sides and partitions are of coarse bamboo mats. There are but two rooms besides this open verandah, but a curtain hung up at night divides off the bed-rooms. These people are not troubRats. 171

led with drapery, and lambrequins, and pillow-shams, and carpets. Their beds are easily made and unmade, being simply a mat laid on the bamboo floor. The strong odor of the place is from that jar of n'gapee, a condiment made of rotten fish. It is the favorite help to their curry and rice. The clothing of the family can easily hang from the splints stuck into the mat wall. There are a few dried fish on the wall yonder, and in the corner, near the rice chatties, a few dishes and a pain-killer bottle. A few books on that low table is the pastor's study. The chickens are cackling under the house, and the pastor's wife urges the teacher to accept a basket of fresh eggs. Do you say such people as these could never raise anything toward that beautiful memorial hall and its endowment? Yes! the whole amount was raised by just such as these. But we must go on, for you are getting impatient to know how the rats come in. We reach a village, the houses of which are poorer, the bamboo mats need replacing, some of the thatch is very thin. The pastor greets us cordially, and others of this little Christian village of perhaps a dozen houses hasten out to welcome the missionaries. We climb the bamboo ladder into the little chapel, and up the notched pole into some of the homes, and as we turn away to our boats, the deacon takes from the breast of his worn and faded jacket, ten silver rupees (five dollars). We had not supposed the village contained so much. We see the tears start as the missionary shakes his head, "No! No!" We cannot understand the words. It is a pantomime, the explanation of which we learn later, and it is this: Several years ago the people of this village whose paddy (rice) fields are near by, began to be troubled by rats, which came out of the jungle and ate their crop. The next year they increased and ate still more of the rice before it could be gathered. The villagers tried to poison the rats, but at last they were forced to try trapping and spearing so that they might eat them. At last this enemy had so increased, that they must abandon their fields and move away. The village was soon to scatter, whither they hardly knew. They were indeed very poor. Now hark! ye Christians of America, in your comfortable homes, your luxurious, artistic dwellings, and who give too often grudgingly, sparingly from your abundance. Listen to the conversation between these Karen brothers, whom you will some day meet among the redeemed, and our missionary host. "This is our collection for foreign missions," says the

deacon holding out the silver. "We wish it were more, our hearts yearn after the wild tribes at the North. We want the Ka-Khyens to learn of Jesus." The missionary meanwhile shakes his head, "No, No, I cannot take it," he says with emotion, "your pastor needs it, he has only rice for a few days longer, you are all very poor, the preacher at the North will be supported. I cannot take this. Give it to the poor of your own church." "No!" was that Karen's reply, "No! teacher, it is the Lord's money, for His work! We can eat rats, but the Ka-Khyens can't live without the Gospel."

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# IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. C. F. PENNEY.

Heaven could not have been new and strange to her! She seemed so near to it in those long-ago days when we were girls together in dear old Maine State Seminary, the chrysalis of Bates College, — so endued with "the wisdom that is from above, . . . first pure then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." When our youthful eyes could see before the rest of the class a long journey to the goal, it seemed as if she were close to heaven, so she would only need to part the invisible vail and enter in.

Later visits to her model home have left the same impression, and now, with no view of the closing scenes to dispel the illusion, it really seems as if there could have been for her no passing over "dark waters," no "walk through the valley of the shadow of death;" and we love to think of her (do we not, dear classmates, and all her friends?), not transformed into an angel, as most of the world would need to be, but in the midst of the heavenly hosts her very self—her sweet face unchanged except to be rid of the expression of care which had come with maternal duties,—the spiritual body like the old, but free from weight and weariness and pain,—so well had nature molded her.

With grief that we were to have no more sweet converse with her in this world came the feeling—shared no doubt by all the workers in distant parts of the Lord's vineyard, whose means of usefulness must depend on missionary labors at home — that we had lost one of our chief supports. In this department of pastoral work she quite relieved her husband of care; and, like many another woman in inconspicuous positions, without taking any credit to herself, richly deserved such praise as it has been fashionable to accord to the wives of public men for rendering their husbands the assistance

they could.

Without waiting till their church was strong, even while it was aided by the Home Missionary Society, she made collections for missionary purposes of which the aggregate was so large that she was herself surprised, and almost afraid to have the people know, lest they should think they had given too much when, as a church, they were so poor. The prosperous condition of the Augusta church furnishes good evidence of the efficacy of such activity in promoting healthy growth, for all, I am sure, will agree that without that, the rare eloquence and other excellent qualities of their pastor could not have secured such results.

Though unusually timid and retiring, this dear sister allowed herself to shrink from no task which appeared to be a duty. Her "well done" needs no qualifications. In order to be appropriate for her, our Saviour's commendation of Mary should be so changed as to lose its apologetic tone, and to comprehend a whole life of well-doing, from which neither Mary's nor Martha's nor Dorcas' "good works" were omit-

ted: "She hath done" all "she could."

May "a double portion of" her "spirit be upon" the members of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society, that the Lord's work may not suffer from our great loss.

A CLASSMATE.

Gone Home! there is a sound of resting,
As weary lips pronounce the word,—
Forever shielded from earth's tumult,
Forever "present with the Lord."

Gone Home! the battle-strife is ended,
The arms are grounded at His feet;
Another victor waits the morning
When God's great host shall be complete.

Gone Home! while we still watch and wonder, So prompt the message sent for thee; We had no time to learn its meaning, Ere thy bright spirit was set free.

Gone Home! while yet fond hearts were waiting
To hear more words of life and love
From lips that often told the story
Of Jesus and his home above.

Oh, who shall tell the glad surprises,
The joyous greetings waiting there,
From rescued ones who first beheld thee
In earth's sad scenes of grief and care!

Bravely we'll speed thy homeward going:
Though eyes must weep, yet hearts can sing,
While angel-voices give thee welcome,
Safe in the presence of the King.

C. P., in "Service for the King."

# CORRESPONDENCE.

[FROM DR. PHILLIPS.]

A VERY GOOD SIGN OF THE TIMES.

While in Calcutta the other day one of the Scotch missionary ladies showed me several numbers of the Khristiya Mohita, a monthly magazine of twenty-four pages, edited by native Christian women in Calcutta. This is its first year, and it has by no means a large circulation. Indeed it may be denominated by some a mere venture in journalism. To me it seems to be something far more significant, and with all my heart I wish it a successful career. My American sisters will, I feel sure, heartily second this wish of mine.

As this beautiful Bengali magazine, with its clear, inviting type and pretty pink cover cannot take its place among your exchanges, I may tell the readers of the HELPER a thing or two about it. Five numbers have come to my table, and I have experienced uncommon pleasure in looking them over. Let me point out some features of its character. The table of contents indicates taste and thought. Some of the topics are suggestive, as the writers are all young women of the native church. The name Khristiya Mohita means Christian Woman, and this name fitly sets forth the object and aims of the magazine. Among others, I find papers on "Helping Others," "Progress in the Education of Women," "Bengal Widows," "Social Improvement," "Independence." So far as I have read, these articles are written in a clear and simple style, and contain real food for thought. The young women have made an excellent beginning.

This magazine heralds a brighter day for the women of India. One needs no prophetic discernment to read on its pages the proclamation of liberty to the imprisoned, oppressed

and suffering women of this pagan land. Their more favored sisters, who have come into the light and liberty of the Gospel, have begun an agitation which will end only when all are likewise free. Every true woman in Christendom will wish them God-speed, and pray for their success. Though suttee and infanticide be now known only in history (save in solitary, secret cases), very much remains to be done for the elevation of the women of these Eastern lands. Hard, patient work, and much of it, must be done before the female mind is freed from the fetters forged and fastened centuries ago by the power of superstitions more cruel than death. The Christian Woman has heavy blows to deal, strong bars to burst and bolts to break, and the dark dungeon of ignorance to cleanse and light, ere her work is done. There is indeed a "great door and effectual" for her to enter, but there are "many adversaries."

But not for her heathen sisters alone does the Christian Woman put forth her helping hand. Her sisters in the church need her help as well, and for their cheer and edification she will be able to do much. Our Christian women have much to learn in Bengal. Even those who have been under Christian culture from childhood, such as the daughters of our native Christian families, and the orphan girls in missionary schools. call for just such an organ as this magazine. The corps of contributors will, we hope, gradually increase, and comprise the most gifted in all the Bengal missions. Live topics, bearing upon every-day experiences will be brought before an ever-increasing circle of appreciative readers. Our Christian women will learn to think, to work for others, to express themselves correctly in their own language, to gather facts concerning other lands and races, and so to become wiser, better and happier themselves. Success, then, to the little pinkcovered magazine. May it carry light, love, hope to many a dark household, and may it bring joy, strength, comfort to many a Christian home in this land of darkness. God bless IT.

MIDNAPORE.

#### MIDNAPORE LIFE.

Midnapore is a curiously put together place,— I mean the native part of it. There are three principal streets which have names, Burra Bazar, School Bazar, and Marneekpore Road. These run about parallel with each other, and all open into the Calcutta and Bombay road. The town is full of local

names, and it is often hard to find out just how much space one of these names covers. The three streets are connected together by a few narrow roads and also by numerous lanes, gullies, and winding paths, where are huddled together buildings of many kinds and sizes. Sometimes large, handsome establishments are hemmed in and choked by squalid mud houses, old broken walls, heaps of ill-smelling *debris*, and offal of different kinds. Putrid tanks are here and there, and seem, as it were, squeezed into the smallest limits possible. They are often surrounded and almost embowered by trees. Houses are sometimes on their very banks.

One of the houses in which we teach is situated on one of these old tanks. Tall, slender bamboos lean over the foul water, and even kiss its green, slimy face. The banana, co-

coanut, and palm also luxuriate here.

The willow-like foliage of the bamboo, the three-yardslong, shiny leaves of the banana, with its heavy clusters of luscious fruit, and the thick, immense leaves of the cocoanut and palm with their fruit, all get their beauty and fruitage

from the loathsome decay.

This ever fresh and vigorous life, feeding and flourishing on what is poison to human beings, is the sanitary item that keeps these many people as well as they are, yet ever holds his baneful revels and carries off his victims. In this house mentioned, there is almost always one or more down with fever. The house is damp and has a kind of suffocating feeling, and we are always glad when the lessons are done.

If we look sharp all around in the neighborhood of any one of these tanks, two or three significant things are pretty sure to be found. An idol temple of elaborate architecture, often, indeed, broken and nearly destroyed by the irrepressible peepul tree, so that, in a way, the sacred tree perpetuates the sacred temple. Close by are broken walls, remains of apart-

ments, large stables, etc.

All these show that in the olden times the wealthy people lived here, and apparently expected never to be removed. The tank was excavated, the family temple for the residence of their gods was built without stint of money or labor. Each of these dwelling-places had a family name. In time people came in all around them, and one estate was connected with its neighbor. But that was long ago. Most of those families have either removed or died, the names and tanks alone remaining — doubtful legacies.

I have been speaking of the centre of the town. There are wings and branches in all directions, miniatures of what has been described. The European portion of the town is altogether different,—spacious enclosures, spacious houses, and plenty of breathing-room. These are the necessary conditions to a foreigner's life. We feel that this is true after a three hours' pull in the bazars.

July 30.

[Died in Midnapore, India, Sept. 10, 1881, of remittent fever, Frankie Millard, wife of Richard M. Lawrence.]

" He giveth his beloved sleep."

Three brief years have scarcely slipped away since we gathered in a pretty little western room to loop the bride's dress with rose-buds and ferns, and as we dropped the bridal veil over the rosy face, we thought only of her loveliness and youthful joy. Day before yesterday we closed the blinds in the same little room, and again brought her sweet favorite flowers, but they lay unclasped in her cold fingers, and the same veil fell over a marble brow, for our "Frankie" is sleeping the blessed sleep that "He giveth his beloved." Life's fitful fever is over, and the still face in its snowy whiteness, glowing with heavenly peace, is more beautiful in death even, than in life.

Twenty-seven days ago Mrs. Lawrence was prostrated with remittent fever, which daily increased in violence. During the first few days her sufferings were intense, after which she was much of the time delirious and apparently unconscious of pain. She spoke much of death, and seemed to be searching her heart to its very depths and testing the reasons of her hope. Once when we were alone she said, "I tell you, it is one thing to be a professor of religion, and quite another to meet the Lord face to face. Oh! how I long to be near him, even in his arms, He seems so far away." We tried to tell her of his blessed willingness to receive his own child just then, but how impotent were any words of ours. Still she said "Do tell me again, say it once more, how can I get very near to Him;" and we whispered "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," which she instantly caught, and sang the whole verse through in a clear, almost triumphant voice. From that time she never expressed a shadow of a doubt, or fear of death, either in her conscious or delirious moments, but often longed to go, and frequently seemed to be in close communion with her Saviour. She fancied He was passing by, and asked most beseechingly if He would not take her along, too.

Her longings for her dear old western home, and father and brother, were at first very intense, and she would cheerfully take anything offered her, if we said "I hope this will make you well, so you can go home." She frequently, and most tenderly, called her dear brother Spencer, for whom she seemed to have a kind of motherly care. Her patience, sweet submission, and care for others, were very remarkable, often when her temperature was 106, and her pulse 144, urging us to go out and get the fresh air, and thanking us so gratefully for staying by her. There was a strange fascination about her sick and dying bed, that made us vie with one another in doing most for her. Dr. Bacheler was often with her for hours, by day and night, and both he and the station physician were in season and out of season, fairly exhausting every possible remedy, but there was never one little break in the fever; like an unquenchable fire it burned higher and higher. The day before her death she was taken to our house, as the physician hoped a change of air might break the fever, as it frequently does in India. All that day her face was one of the most joyous ones we ever saw. seemed to see the great Unseen, and to be reaching upward and welcoming its blessed realities. Once during the day she called her husband, and after speaking very tenderly to him, referred joyfully to death as being near. About ten in the evening she sang a few strains of a dear old hymn, the last intelligible words she ever uttered. At twenty minutes past seven the next morning she fell asleep, as sweetly as an infant in its mother's arms.

Her very great love for children made her little schools very precious to her, which she looked after with a zealous care. The genuine tears her teachers shed as they looked at her silent face told us how lovingly she had helped them. But for the repeated, almost series of illnesses that have prostrated her time and again, how gladly would she have labored more for all. But her earthly work is early finished, and we have laid her to rest under a beautiful neem tree in our compound. Yesterday was her first Sabbath in heaven. Oh! the blessedness of the triumphant hope beyond the grave. Let us who cherish it, raise the earnest prayer that the bereaved husband, father, and brother, may see a heavenly Father's loving hand in this sudden sorrow, and be led onward and upward to the pearly gate that their loved one MARY R. PHILLIPS. "has left ajar" for them.

GLASGOW, Oct. 6, 1881.

My DEAR MRS. BREWSTER:

I am sure that you and all the other friends of the mission will be glad to know that we reached this place on the afternoon of the 4th inst. in safety, having made the trip in a little less than eleven days. During the greater share of the time the weather was cold, and the sea just rough enough to oblige quite a number of the passengers to pay the usual but unwilling tribute to old Neptune, and dear Nellie did not wholly escape. Unfortunately, on the morning of our arrival I stepped on something which caused my foot to slip, and the fall wrenched my back so that I am obliged to keep close in the house at present.

We had about forty passengers, the most of whom were Christians, and all very kind and agreeable. Rev. Mr. Roberts is returning to Burmah, and with him Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cronkite and Miss Garton for the same mission. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Duplisses and son, from Cape Colony, are taking a vacation for rest and health. They are God's chosen ones, and their kind and helpful words and deeds and their pleasant cheerful faces did us much good, and will long be remembered. May God bless and keep them for many years, even

Just before coming ashore we learned that the steamer for Bombay had sailed the previous day for Liverpool, and would leave that port on the 5th. To catch the boat we must leave all of our baggage except our trunks, and start at once for Liverpool. But this would bring our baggage a fortnight behind us, and probably subject us to much trouble and more expense than waiting for the next steamer, and we might lose a part of it, hence we decided to remain. The next steamer will sail from Glasgow on the 15th, and from Liverpool on the 20th. This unexpected detention is a great disappointment, but I am sure there must have been some "need be,"

though their locks are already whitening.

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Among our fellow-passengers were three Swedish Free Baptist men, who are active Christian workers, two of whom I think are members of Mr. Moody's church, in Chicago. They made many inquiries about our mission, and expressed a wish to aid in the good work, but their people have no organization through which to reach a heathen people.

or we should not have been subjected to this trial.

Mr. Rylander and Mr. Bergstrom propose to send money to me for the support of a native preacher. Mr. Rylander is

part owner of a Swedish religious paper, published in Chicago, and he intends to give his readers an account of his passage and of what he has learned respecting our mission. Mr. Bergstrom is editor of a paper published in Arboga, Sweden, and both are equally anxious to know more of our India mission. Mr. R. has subscribed for the Helper. Affectionately, Mrs. H. C. Phillips.

#### OPENING OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

As has been the case for several years, we can report a larger number of pupils at the opening than ever before. Thirty-two the first day, forty-five the first Monday, and sixty-one this, the seventh day of school, might seem a very irregular beginning to those who are accustomed to see people make their preparations beforehand and enter school promptly; but to us who can look back not many years to the time when almost every body was "coming after Christmas," it is very encouraging. Some in the country are kept away now because every body is "seeding,"—the wheat here is sowed in the fall,—and they cannot get horses to bring them. I wish, for their sakes, we didn't have to confess that there are those within walking distance that are coming to-morrow, or next week, with no apparent cause to hinder their being in

the first day.

The entirely new feature of our school this fall is the students that bring us letters in large official envelopes, containing certificates that they are appointed to receive free instruction and normal training in Storer College under the agreement made between said school and the State of West Virginia. The Legislature for the first time provided that the colored people should have the advantage of the appropriation for the training of teachers, and there will be eighteen in all whose tuition and room and book-rent will be paid by the The State Superintendent, the Hon. B. L. Butcher, whose interest and conduct in the matter are all any body can desire, has also asked and received permission to appoint eighteen others to whom we give tuition and room-rent. could not have received these students but for the promise which our new walls give of more room. It is for the Lord's stewards to prove this is not a false promise, by sending promptly of his treasures, of which we have not enough on hand to pay for the lumber we are now hauling that is designed to make these walls habitable. These appointments are from all parts of the State, and are something for which to be very grateful, since by them the influence of the school will be extended to parts where the people had never heard of it, or only as a goal beyond their reach.

Among our students is a promising young man, though in school for the first time, from New Orleans. We feel to give a special welcome to those from the far South. Of course we hope that when they return to their people it will be with a missionary spirit that shall convey from this border-land to those darker regions some ray of light from the higher civilization, and more enlightened religion of the North. B.

HARPER'S FERRY, W. VA., Oct. 12, 1881.

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# To Our Agents.

This number of the Helper comes to you with its last message for 1881. The year has gone by very quickly. Some of you have been hoping to increase the size of your club all the year, and have been troubled because it was not larger. If you did your best you deserve the "Well done," and we are grateful for your efforts to increase the number of readers of what missionary intelligence the Helper has been the medium of conveying.

Another year is before us. We all enter upon it with hope. We earnestly ask you to make greater efforts to increase the list of subscribers. Begin at once with your club, and be sure to pass no one by. Some person near you may never have been asked to take it. The price is so small, do not let it be an objection. It can be saved so easily by a little planning, if need be. Will you not take up the work once more with cheerful alacrity, and feel you are doing effective work for the Master in this way.

Already we anticipate your orders, and are planning to meet them, promising our best endeavor to make the publication worthy of your patronage.

To Subscribers.— No doubt some of you have failed to receive all your copies of the Helper for the year, and you have thought we were in fault. Perhaps we have been, but we have tried to attend faithfully to your orders so far as we

have understood them. Unless you shall tell us you do not receive your copies regularly how can we know that you do not? If there is failure we are most willing to do what we can to make it good. If there is imperfection in any way we desire that you will promptly inform us.

It is always best that packages should be sent to persons who will care for their distribution. There are back numbers for 1880 and 1881, which can be had to make these vol-

umes unbroken.

We invite you to send early a renewal of your subscription, and, if you can, another name with yours. Please send full name with address, Mrs., Miss, or Mr., and the pay, if in stamps, of one and three cent denomination; larger denominations are not desired.

# OUR FINANCIAL WORK.

EVERY one is glad that the appropriations for the last year were met, so far as actually pledged. On the one thousand dollars for Harper's Ferry conditionally pledged, it will be seen from the treasurer's report that not quite one-half was contributed, and also only a small part of the four hundred for the Industrial School at Midnapore. No doubt there is general regret that these sums were not completed, since each day and each year as well, has its own claims, and what is omitted in its proper place, fails to receive the attention, or

give us the degree of pleasure it otherwise would.

The hope of the Board is that every one will do a little more than last year. Then will all the work undertaken be cared for, and there be a possibility of enlargement at points where there is great need. The number of the objects is such that if any auxiliary or person wishes to select one for special care, it can easily be done by consulting with the district secretaries, each of whom has a schedule of the objects and the sum desired to be raised in her district. Consider the appropriations carefully, and think if this is all we ought to undertake. Do not let us be content with the little we are doing when such possibilities are before us, and let us not "put off until to-morrow what can be done to-day." There is no need of presenting the claims of these objects in an apologetic way to the churches. Hearts filled with joy in the Holy Spirit do expand in love toward all for whom Christ died.

## THE REPORTS.

ATTENTION is called to the reports which supplement this number of the HELPER, and a careful reading of them is in-The summarizing of the year's work in its various departments, though it gives but a mere outline, is a means of better acquaintance with the Society and its operations. The first part presents but a glimpse of the workers and the work in the fields to which our contributions are sent. The laborers tell us so modestly of what they are doing that we fail to get a full idea of the magnitude of the work in hand, but we can realize that it has burdens and anxieties, and now and then its fragrant blossoms, and we do feel that in some way we are linked to them and they to us. The Home Secretary's report sounds a note of assurance of the final triumph of Christ's kingdom, while it presents a brief statement of the means through which the force is supplied which helps to send strength and encouragement to those who represent us "out in the noonday sun." Some new sympathizers have been won to a participation in this grandest work of the age, while others, we fear, may have become indifferent.

As much as can be reported seems very small compared with what might have been done, and this becomes more emphatic as the treasurer's report is mastered. The appropriations were met, but the sum contributed seems very small, when the whole number of the women in the churches is considered, and how much more than two cents a week some of us could have spared, and been the richer therefor. the sum total, no doubt there are offerings made with sacrifice, and the Lord has noted such; but does any one feel she has done more than she could, when the demands are so

great and the needs so pressing!

One feature is noticeable — the legacy left by Mrs. Shipman, of Vermont. It was an offering unto the Lord. We are persuaded that if these reports are read, it will lead to thankfulness for what has been done, and to efforts for greater and better things in the year to come, for every one who has borne, even the least part, in things pertaining to the spread of the Gospel in these days of advancement, will wish for enlargement at every possible point, and will pray for labor

as well as laborers.

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# WORDS FROM HOME WORKERS.

#### MAINE.

A children's band, called the "East Otisfield Mission Band," consisting of fifty-one members, was organized last June by our pastor, Rev. W. J. Twort. It has the following officers: Nettie Crooker, President; Josie Lunt, Vice-President; Nellie Reed, Treasurer; John Barrows, Secretary; and Maurice Bowker, Collector. They hold their meetings on Saturday afternoons, and appear to be very much interested. This mission band is now connected with our mission society, and in working together we expect to accomplish much

The September session of the "Otisfield Quarterly Meeting" was held at East Otisfield. The Mission Band, under the direction of the W. M. Society, gave a missionary concert on Wednesday evening of this session. The following exercises were conducted by the President, Miss Estelle Knight, and were listened to by a large and attentive audience: Singing, "To the Work;" Reading of the 67th Psalm, by Miss Annie Durell; Prayer, by Rev. W. J. Twort; reading of report by the Secretary, Miss Annie Durell; Singing; Recitation, "The Hindu Sacrifice, and Song of the Converted Hindu Mother," by Miss Nettie Crooker and Miss Nellie Reed; Declamation, "Take the Cross," by John Barrows; Recitation, "What Will You Give," by six little girls; Singing; Recitation, "Out on the Prairie," by Daisy Twort; Recitation, "Sowing Light," by ten members of the Mission Band; Recitation, "Hindu Girl's Lament," by Nettie Kemp and Villa Wardwell; Singing; Recitation, "Our Little Sisters," by four young girls; Recitation, "Our Work for Jesus," by Alice Twort. Remarks by the president and singing closed the exercises of this pleasant hour. Annie F. Durell.

The following Resolutions were passed by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Augusta Church, Oct. 9, 1881:

WHEREAS, in His wisdom and love which we can trust but cannot understand, it has pleased God to remove from us our beloved president, Mrs. C. F. Penney; therefore

(1) Resolved, That we remember with gratitude her faithful Christian life, her love for all the interests of the church, and especially her unfailing devotion to this society, whose very existence is due to her efforts.

(2) Resolved, That we emulate her earnestness in the missionary cause, and that we, individually and collectively, will endeavor to carry on the work which she has laid down.

(3) Resolved, That our sympathies be tendered to our dear pastor, her husband, and to her children in this great affliction.

(4) Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, also one to the MISSIONARY HELPER for publication.

MRS. G. B. FILES,
MRS. E. S. FOGG,
MRS. J. M. PLUMMER,

Resolutions.

The Litchfield Plains Woman's Missionary Society held its second public meeting in June. The exercises consisted of reading the Scriptures, prayer, recitations, an essay by our president, reading selections, and a dialogue, "The Field is the World;" also several letters from our foreign missionaries were read. The whole was interspersed with singing, and a few timely remarks by our pastor made our meeting very interesting to all. At the close a collection was taken up, which amounted to about seven dollars (\$7.00). During the year we have had several additions to our society, and no member has been called away by death. We support a native teacher in India, and hope to do something more through the year.

J. R. S., Cor. Sec.

The Ladies' Mission Society in connection with the Sebec Quarterly Meeting, held a public meeting at the September session which convened with the LaGrange church, Sept. 17. Mrs. E. D. Wade is the president.

The exercises were opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Gowen. Miss Nellie Wade read a paper on mission work, which was of a most interesting character, and could not fail to awaken a deep interest for the cause. Excellent remarks were made by Brothers Gowen, Palmer and Cook, which inspired the audience with new zeal.

The most pleasing feature was the collection, amounting to eighteen dollars and ten cents, cheering the hearts of all mission workers, and

encouraging them to go forward.

ANNIE E. BRYANT, Sec.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Penobscot Yearly Meeting met in annual session at Rockland, Sept. 29, 1881. The meeting was conducted by the district secretary. The opening exercises consisted of singing by congregation, "There's a work for me and a work for you," followed by prayer by the president, Mrs. C. Harding. Report of the last meeting was then read, and several auxiliaries were also reported. A solo, "Consider the lilies," was finely sung by Miss Hattie Bird, the recitation of a missionary poem by Miss Angie Éastman, and reading of letter from Mrs. Mary R. Phillips, India, by Mrs. E. D. Wade, followed. Several little girls united in singing "Far out upon the Prairie," accompanied by Miss Mary Bird, organist. After the music by the "Birds" and the children, a paper, "A Plea for Harper's Ferry," written by Mrs. L. Dexter, of Mass., was read by Mrs. R. L. Howard, of Bangor. The audience showed their interest by close attention, and the ministering brethren cheered us by their sympathy, words, and works. A collection was taken, amounting to twenty-two dollars and eleven cents. hearts went up in thankfulness to the good Father for his spirit which was manifest, and the increasing interest in missionary work in our district. M. R. W.

#### VERMONT.

At the recent session of our Y. M. which convened at Tunbridge, a Woman's Mission service was held on Saturday evening, and was one of the best we have ever enjoyed. What privilege is more enjoyable than to meet with our dear sisters from the different Q. M.'s who are earnest workers for the cause of Christ! Our meeting consisted of devotional exercises, reports from the Q. M.'s and Auxiliaries, which showed an increased interest during the past year. An urgent appeal was made for the inter-

ests of the mission work in Vermont. There was an essay by Mrs. A. M. Freeman, of Tunbridge, and short, pithy addresses were made by sisters from different sections, followed by the presentation of a pair of gold-bowed spectacles (being the last offering of Sister Major Smith of Tunbridge, not long since deceased), to the Woman's Missionary Society. She was deeply interested in its success. These spectacles were given her by her children on her 50th wedding anniversary. Brother Freeman held them up to the audience, at the same time making remarks full of sympathy and interest. Brothers Ragee from Stanstead, and Smythers from Stafford spoke of the interests of our mission, and a collection was then taken amounting to \$16.00. A good brother, Cole from Lebanon, N.H., came forward, laid down \$10.00, and took the spectacles. Singing ended an enjoyable meeting, and may the result be lasting.

MRS. F. P. EATON, District Secretary.

The Corinth Auxiliary mourns the loss of another of its members. Our dear sister, Miss Augusta B. Dearborn, died Sept. 4th, aged 56 years. She was usually with us at our meetings, cheerful and happy, always ready to do her part in any good work. Death came unexpectedly, yet she was ready to meet it. According to her request, \$50.00 (fifty dollars), in due time, will be forwarded to the treasury for the work at

Harper's Ferry. In behalf of our society, the following resolutions have been adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove by death our

dear friend and sister in Christ, Miss A. B. Dearborn, therefore

Resolved, That, remembering her tenderly, we express our deep sorrow at her death, and tender to the afflicted friends our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That by her death, our society has lost an efficient helper,

and a faithful advocate, and the mission cause a sincere friend.

Resolved, That though we miss her kindly presence and words of love, we will not murmur at God's will, knowing that while we toil a little longer here for the Master, she sweetly rests in Heaven.

Resolved, That the secretary be requested to record these resolutions;

also, that a copy be sent to the HELPER for publication.

MRS. A. J. DUTTON, SUSAN SMITH, SUSAN MCHUGH.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

Brother Morrell, writing from Chepachet, reports encouraging items in regard to the interest in missions in his church and Sabbath School. A missionary concert, under the care of Mrs. Sprague, was recently held at 5 o'clock on Sabbath afternoon. He says that the children and other members of the school gave missionary intelligence and sang cheerful songs, to a full house, and it was felt that the best of impressions were left upon the audience, which was much larger than usual at the regular Sabbath service. The collection amounted to seven dollars, with the promise of being made up to ten. This, with sums previously raised, will make twenty dollars for Foreign Missions for the year just closing. The HELPER was of value in preparing the concert.

At the last session of the Western Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, held at East Killingly, Conn., Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, an especial effort was

made by Mrs. L. Fenner to give the mission cause more prominence in the Q. M. She had obtained the assistance of Mrs. L. Dexter and Mrs. J. L. Tourtellot, and as Rev. A. H. Morrell was present, spirited

meetings were held during the session.

One hundred dollars in money and pledges was raised during the session, and previously in the churches, for the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. A part of this sum was for foreign missions, and a part for Storer College To give greater permanence to the interest now existing, Mrs. Fenner was appointed Q. M. Secretary, and it is desired that reports shall be made to her of what is being done in this work in each church of this section. She has a valuable helper in Mrs. S. B. Young, who was chosen Recording Secretary.

#### NEW YORK.

The Jefferson Q. M. W. M. Society is an efficient organization. Its meetings are held Saturday evening of each Q. M. session, and are an

encouragement and practical help.

The Philadelphia auxiliary was the first one organized in the Q. M. It began work nearly two years ago, and has held regular meetings, though the attendance has sometimes been small. They use the card system, and have averaged over \$10,00 a quarter. Membership, 35. Business promptly done.

The auxiliary at Keenville has taken new courage of late. It is doing good work in holding meetings, paying well, and reporting and remitting

promptly. Eighteen members.

At Depeauville the interest is deepening. Present membership, 22. At Harrisburgh the little society is struggling on. May the faithful ones never give up, and others be added to their number.

Little York auxiliary was organized last June with 16 members. A good number to begin with, and now by their works we shall know them.

AtLowville and Three Miles Bay the work of organization is not yet

done. May it not be long delayed.

I visited this Q. M. nearly two years ago and organized the first auxiliaries at Philadelphia and Keenville. I am more thankful than I can express to report that the work still goes on and increases. Mrs. B. F. Brown, the Q. M. Secretary, is the right woman in the right place.

LIBBIE C. GRIFFIN.

#### MINNESOTA.

At the September session of the Hennepin Q. M., held at Elk River, the Woman's Missionary Society held a meeting, Mrs.C. L. Russell in the chair. It being the annual meeting, new officers were elected for the coming year, viz.; Mrs. Bradbury, President; Mrs. Croswell, Secretary and Treasurer. The Vice-Presidents elected were Mrs. Livingstone, Castle Rock; Mrs. Leighton, Minneapolis; Miss Dean, Mazeppa; Mrs. Bisbee, Crystal Lake; Mrs. Russell, Champlin.

A resolution was passed asking the general society to appropriate \$100 for our Y. M. work, the ladies of our society assuming \$50 of the sum. After the business meeting and reading of reports, several selections were read by different ladies, which, with singing, etc., made a very enjoyable meeting, and we hope profitable, as well. A collection of \$5.00 was taken. We had reports from four of the churches, and as all of them, I think, closed with the same sentiment I will also close my report with quoting the words of one of them: "We expect to offer you, at our next Q. M., a more hopeful record of what we have tried to do." MRS. H. L. CROSWELL, Sec.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

The sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was held at the Bethel, Barrington, Sept. 9, 1881. The meeting was presided over by Vice-President Mrs. Royal. The opening exercises consisted of singing, Scripture reading, and prayer. The corresponding secretary gave a full report of the work done in the

societies during the year. The amount raised is \$370.37.

The reports of Mrs. Wm. Downey and Mrs. Shaw, of N. B., were read, and Miss Weyman followed in a brief address, showing that work done for the good of others often comes back with blessing to ourselves. A letter from Mrs. Burkholder was read by Miss Debbie Crowell. A recitation entitled "The months before harvest," followed, by Miss Georgia Nickerson. Singing. Mrs. B. B. Woodworth spoke especially to the children present, urging them early in life to interest themselves in missions. Miss E. Hilton next gave an address, taking for her subject, "An appeal for the heathen." She reviewed the position of the heathen, both past and present; how in the past, as in the present, they had inquired, "Who will show us any good?" She showed that such an inquiry had sounded the depths of philosphy, both ancient and modern, but without a satisfactory answer. The only satisfactory answer was found in the cross of Christ, The cross was the centre to-day of the world's attraction and the only real and abiding agency for the redemption of heathendom. Prayer was spoken of as being infinite, while our work was finite. Prayer placed us in the hands of our infinite God, and by prayer we became possessors in our work of infinite help. Singing. A recitation entitled "Missionary Music to the Children," was excellently rendered by Misses Sadie and Annie Hopkins, after which a collection was taken, amounting to \$15.45.

"Gospel Bells," was sung, and the Rev. J. I. Porter pronounced

the benediction.

During the business session a resolution was passed expressing our appreciation of the Missionary Helper, and the able manner in which it is conducted. MRS. R. H. CROWELL.

At the close of this volume, THE HELPER has 3,602 subscribers, distributed as follows: Maine, 902; New Hampshire, 394; Rhode Island, 372; New York, 325; Massachusetts, 268; Michigan, 268; Ohio, 203; Vermont, 190; Nova Scotia, 114; Minnesota, 96; Illinois, 79; Wisconsin, 65; New Brunswick, 65; Iowa, 63; Pennsylvania, 48; Virginia and West Virginia, 28; exchange list, 22; India, 21; Province of Quebec, 19; Indiana, 17; Connecticut, 11; Kansas, 7; New Jersey, 6; Missouri, 4; California, 4; Nebraska, 3; Ontario, 3; Maryland, 1; Dakotah, 1; Nevada, 1; Colorado, 1; Texas, 1.

Just as we go to press we receive the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Lawrence, but we are glad to be able to make room for the communication of Mrs. Phillips.

# Children's Miche.

#### A LITTLE SEED.

A child a penny gave;
With it one tract was bought.
By this a heathen chief
Was to the Saviour brought.

A little church he built;
Men turned from idols cold,
Till many hundred souls
Were gathered in its fold.

How many they shall lead In joy with Christ to dwell

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The fruit of this small seed,
Eternity must tell.

When every little hand
Shall sow the gospel seed,
And every little heart
Shall pray for those in need,

When every little life
Such fair, bright record shows
Then shall the desert bud
And blossom, like the rose.

-Good Times.

## OFFERING RICE TO A JAPANESE GOD.

MRS. TRUE writes from the country where she was spending her vacation: "We arise at 6 o'clock and prepare for the morning walk. We take breakfast, and afterward as we kneel for united prayer, the burden of our petition is, 'Lord, open the eyes of the blind and bring the dead to life!' But we must hasten if we are in time to see and hear what will be done at the temple, and if we miss it this morning we shall not see it at all, for they offer rice to the god only three times a month, and we must leave here before the next day comes around. We feel stronger as we step out into the fresh, pure air of the lovely morning, and looking around upon the beauties of nature we dread to enter the gloomy temple, and see what will surely cause our hearts to sink like lead. But here we are, and the guide assures us that the music will soon begin, and wishes us to enter and be ready to appreciate it. As we hesitate a moment, some of the priests who are to take part pass us in robes of green, white, yellow, and black, and all have very queer looking head-gear which I cannot describe.

"We enter and sit down on our feet, for there are no seats, and notice that in the first room in a row by the partition are seven priests, and in a line in the inner room are five others of higher order. Each one of the former has a musical instrument in his hand, and soon they begin a most dirge-like waiking, to which the others respond by bowing and receiving

each in turn a small table with a dish of food, which he hands to the first one from the door of the sacred room, where the god is supposed to receive the rice. Then he passes it into that room, and so on, until twelve tables are taken in and all the time the wailing goes on. Then there is a pause in the music, and one of the priests performs various ceremonies in that mysterious inner room, only one of which we can see; that consists in waving the gohei (an offering from the Mikado, made of heavy gilt paper) repeatedly before a looking-glass, or rather a bright metal used for that purpose, and bowing many times. Another priest then kneels before the mirror and pours forth a most impassioned strain of praise, and adoration, recounting the deeds of valor, and the wonderful glory of his name, because of what he had done for his country. This was to me the most touching and soul-stirring thing seen or heard in all heathendom. He used the same form of prayer which we use, that is the same style of language, and his tones were different from those heard in ordinary Buddhist prayers, for this is Shinto worship, and the place is quiet, and the listeners seemed devout, and yet this was a man praying to a —what? not even a living man, not a dead soul, but to a living creature put in the place of the Creator in their blind imaginings! — Children's Work for Children.

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# REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

THE busy months have swiftly sped away, and another mile-stone has been reached in our journey. As we pause for a backward glance over the twelve months, the question arises: What of the work - its encouragements, its results?

To answer that question, and give to the society a bird'seye view of our toilers in their different fields, is the object of this report.

#### MIDNAPORE - RAGGED AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Under date of July 20, Mrs. J. L. Phillips writes: "I can never tell you how very thankful I was for the allowance the Board sent me. The two hundred dollars received during the past six months has been spent as follows: \$145 has kept ten schools in session six months, excepting a few dollars presented by friends; \$55 has been spent in our Indus-The schools number 300 pupils. Miss Hooper and I have eight schools aside from these, supported by other funds. I cannot tell you how thankful we have been for presents of pictures and dolls from home. I so wish you could have visited a school with me this morning. I found thirty-five little girls, all busy with their primers and slates. In half an hour we had forty-six children present, only seven of whom were boys. The new schools at Palasbani, where our new church is, are in a very flourishing condition.

"Our Industrial now numbers fifty pupils, part of whom are paying small fees for tuition. The matter of educating poor girls out of their own villages is still a very delicate one, and taxes our ingenuity not a little. Whoever goes down to the daily experience of the lowest strata of heathen life must have many a heart-ache; many a moment when all within him will cry out, 'It is of no use.' Still we are working and

waiting for our Father's own good time."

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# JELLASORE ORPHANAGE.

Miss Crawford writes: "Owing to some changes, my outside work has somewhat decreased. Our schools were reduced to six, but just now the prospect is brightening, and we have eight. By schools you must understand that we, in some instances, count as a school all the pupils one girl visits and instructs, though they may be in several houses. In a Mussulman village, about a mile and a half distant, some interest in learning to read is manifested, and a teacher visits a few houses in that place daily, Sundays excepted. So much indifference is manifested by the majority around us, that I am tempted at times to be discouraged. But we have God's word to cheer and encourage us, and should work in faith. It may be that some we have instructed, who are still counted among the heathen, have saving faith. They do not worship idols, and profess to love God, though not in a public manner."

#### MIDNAPORE.

Under date of July 13, Miss Hattie Phillips says: "You will notice from my financial report that I have quite a sum in hand. We have been hoping, by saving a little here and there, and by an occasional donation, to collect enough to put an upper story to the little building, the old small-pox hospital, which has been and still is, our only asylum for the Bible school, and on the veranda of which the little Industrial takes refuge. When we get our Memorial Hall - may that day speedily come!—this little building is to be given over entirely to the Industrial school. We need the hall very much, and for want of it my brother has been obliged to use his little cramped study as a recitation-room, and I have had my women and girls in the dining-room. Now that the rains are fairly under way, and hence the weather cooler, I take my girls to the school-house before mentioned. I so wish that some plan might be set on foot and vigorously carried out for raising the proposed \$5,000. I have heard it suggested that it be raised in ten-cent shares, to enlist Sunday School children as well as their elders, cheap printed certificates being issued to shareholders, indicating the number of shares held. It seems to me that if five live men in different sections of the country should take a thousand each to raise in this way, it might be done in a very short time, and what a blessing it would be to both giver and receiver.

"Our school session this year began two months earlier than formerly. Our numbers are somewhat larger, and old and new pupils being brought into contact, we are pleased more fully to realize that not a little was accomplished in various

directions during the last session."

#### MIDNAPORE - ZENANA WORK.

Miss Mary Bacheler writes: "I have the zenana teachers' school three hours in the morning, half an hour of Santal, an hour of Bengali in the afternoon, and sometimes zenana work. The studies are as follows: Transposing poetry and prose from the Poetical Reader, a written exercise, grammar, reading, spelling, and mental arithmetic, and a Bible lesson in the Old Testament three days in the week, geography, reading, explaining the Poetical Reader lesson, and written arithmetic the remainder of the week. Besides, we have our regular New Testament lesson every day. A short time since I was called to a new zenana house, that of the head master in the Government college, who wished me to teach his motherless little daughter."

#### MIDNAPORE - REPORT OF MRS. LAWRENCE.

"I have four schools, and during the last nine months three of them have had six weeks' vacation. More than a hundred pupils have been connected with these schools. Only one teacher has a regular Sabbath school. The men who attend the evening school will not come together for a school on the Sabbath, but Saturday evening is devoted mostly to the study of the Bible, and one class use the Gospel of Luke for their daily readings. The teaching of hymns and portions of Scripture is so much a part of our daily work in these schools, that it seems not so important to set apart a special day for this service. Religious instruction judiciously interspersed with other things, is less repulsive to the parents of the children, and in my opinion, quite as likely to do them good. I am hoping to make a good deal out of my school for women. Just now it seems very encouraging, although it is very difficult to persuade them to attend, they are so fearful of being made Christians. I am trying to make every dollar tell that is sent me for this work, and I hope in time the seed sown may bear precious fruit. The average monthly expenditure is about fifteen rupees. monthly cost per pupil is about eight cents."

#### BALASORE - ZENANA WORK.

#### FROM MISS IDA PHILLIPS' REPORT.

"The zenana work during the past year has lost none of its interest. Good numbers and faithful application to study have combined to make it very encouraging. Our friends

may remember that last year we were making every possible effort to have our teachers better instructed. For this purpose a normal class has been kept up throughout the year, taught by a thoroughly able instructor. This class has necessarily been very small, as all the teachers have, besides their work in town, their own family cares to which to attend. They have been able to spend not more than two, and sometimes only one, hour a day in study. Still, one of them has passed the lower vernacular scholarship examinations, as prescribed by Government. This course includes something of geometry, natural philosophy, history of India, and the common school branches. This year I hope to have three more, at least, ready to pass this examination, and next year all those remaining. I regret to say that the zenana department is in debt to quite an extent. Several causes have led to this. First, the very tempting opportunities for enlarging the work, and the expectation government officials gave us that we could obtain a grant when we could report work actually commenced. In this we have not been disappointed, although the aid has been delayed for some months. Again, Mrs. Marshall's Training School has been a necessity; but for its support we have received only 70 Rs. for the past year, whereas it costs to run it at least 25 Rs. per month; the expenses, therefore, have been paid from the general zenana fund. You will hardly be surprised that we are now 300 Rs. in debt. At the present rate of exchange this amounts to only \$113. I should also mention that we have been obliged to spend about 50 Rs. in building during the past six months. In view of these facts and of our largely increased work, we are obliged once more to appeal to friends in America for aid to the amount of 50 Rs., or \$22 per month, in addition to what we now receive. I am sure if the home friends could see these bright children, so deeply in need of help, they would not feel that they were in the faintest sense wasting their money in sending it here. I cannot tell you what a covetous feeling I have as I go about from place to place and see the little girls idling about so perfectly untaught. feel that schools must be provided for every one of them."

### HARPER'S FERRY. MRS. BRACKETT'S REPORT.

"For the second year's working of the kitchen and studyroom, we can naturally report better than for the first. Like everything else for which there is a demand, it can be expected to reach perfection only by the force of growth. It has more than met our expectations in the benefits to the girls, and also to the teachers in enforcing habits of regularity, and thereby promoting the health of the pupils. This last item has probably saved to the preceptress more strength for other work than could be secured by the society in any other way, with the sum of money appropriated for this pur-

pose.

In serving, and the sister industries, every girl has had two lessons a week during the school-year. The result is partly shown by this remark of the preceptress: 'The girls spend so much more time in the sitting-room, sewing, knitting, etc., it is really less trouble to look after them.' Also, by the fact that the dress-making and other preparations for the Anniversary were almost all done by themselves. In this, as in the kitchen work, they improve so much by emulation and by learning from each other, that the results are vastly greater than the outlay. By the kindness of Mrs. Emery, of Boston, several of the girls were instructed in her system of dress-making on such terms that their services can be used in teaching others.

On the whole, thanks to the F. B. W. M. S. and the Central Association, in giving us the entire services of Misses Franklin and Lovett, we have had this year less than usual of harassing regrets for work undone and opportunities un-

improved.

Perhaps it is unnecessary to remind the ladies of the board and society, that the encouraging results of the past year were secured only by the utmost efforts of all the workers, and that a curtailment of these appropriations would not be the cutting off of luxuries or leisure, but of muchneeded work, that we cannot doubt the Master requires of our denomination."

#### FROM REPORT OF MISS BRACKETT.

"The school-year of '80 and '81 was encouraging in many ways. In Myrtle Hall we feel we are steadily gaining. The facilities for making the girls comfortable were much improved. For the first time we had the whole house to ourselves, undisturbed by plasterers, painters, etc. The number of girls was sixty, not more than seven of whom hired board and washing. The advantages furnished by the W. M. S. were shared directly by about fifty, and indirectly by all the others. The effect of the kitchen and study-room

was to reduce the hardships of self-boarding, and assist me greatly in keeping order. The special thirty dollars, appropriated in aid of poor girls, was of great service. It was kept as a sort of reserve fund, from which to draw in case of need. During the year eleven girls were given work out of school hours from this fund."

#### CONCLUSIONS.

While preparing the above reports, we have been impressed with the thought that whatever of indifference may characterize the women of the home churches, this want of interest is not shared by the workers themselves. Never have the reports been more encouraging; never, since the organization of this society, was there so much need of increased activity on the part of those whose offerings must sustain the cause, as at the present time. But the sad fact remains, that for the past few months the means needed for prosecuting the work have not been forthcoming. Repeatedly have the remittances been delayed because of a deficient treasury. Why is this? There can be but one answer. Our hearts are not in the work.

When our beloved President was stricken down by a cowardly assassin, how did the heart of the whole Nation throb in sympathy. And during all those terrible weeks of suspense, how was the very throne of God besieged with importunate pleadings. From thousands of hearthstones, morning and evening, the desire of the Nation ascended to God. Had money been needed for his recovery how would the silver and the gold have flowed into the treasury in one continuous stream. Why this wide-spread sympathy, this deep anxiety? The reason is obvious. He was our President; he belonged to us; and when stricken down by the fatal bullet, every heart in the Nation was smitten by the "Over the ocean wave" the children of our Father are dying by thousands,-dying with no knowledge of Him whose arm supported our lamented President as he stepped into the waters of death. They are our sisters, wounded by sin's fatal bullet. On our southern borders other members of this same family are striving, amid difficulties of which we have little conception, to raise themselves to a higher plane of womanhood. And yet we, knowing all these things, we, who call ourselves Christian women, look on with an indifference absolutely appalling. Where are the forty thousand women

of this denomination? Could they but understand the importance of this work; could they realize the amount of good that this trifle (two cents a week from each of them) would accomplish; thousands of children rescued from ignorance and degradation, doors of secluded zenanas thrown wide open for the entrance of the truth, and increased facilities for the education and uplifting of our own country women would be only parts of the blessed results. Are we Christians? A Christian with none of the spirit of the Master; a Christian with no interest in the cause for which He laid down his life, were, surely, an anomaly. My sisters, let us awake from our lethargy. Let us seek to understand our responsibilities. This work has been intrusted to us. Shall we be faithful in carrying it on? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." MRS. I. A. LOWELL.

# HOME DEPARTMENT.

It is with gratitude and hopfulness, as well as with regrets, that we come up to this closing scene of another year. Hopefulness, because from many directions there come tokens of freshly wakened sympathy and activity in our missionary work, the accession in nearly every district of new auxiliaries, a growing intelligence on the subject of missions among our people generally, and a consequent quickening of the sense of duty and responsibility. Regrets, because the contributions of the year have not equaled our expectations, and because less effort has been made in some quarters for the enlarging and strengthening of our working home force than was hoped for at the beginning of the year. To do only as much as we have done, does not meet our own approval. Forward should be our direct course. Not lagging carelessly behind the other daughters of our King in our generation; we, also, would loyally keep His trust, and so, as our strength may be, must we bear constantly forward into the darkness His banner of light. This requires unflagging diligence and the cheerful taking up of little duties - light yokes -at the expense of self. Some of us have felt sorrow in approaching the close of this year that we have not more promptly and diligently taken and borne the little yokes, and so carried farther our little part toward the fulfilling of the

great plan of our Father. Still we come to-day with a pæin in our hearts unto Him who hath always given us the victory in all we have, as a society, unconditionally attempted.

We meet to-day

#### UNDER A SHADOW

and in grief, because one of the choicest spirits among the managers of this society, pure and sweet, wise and strong of heart, has, at mid-day, gone up from our side. Last year we looked back together through seven years and rejoiced over unbroken ranks. But now a loss has befallen us so great. and to those who best knew her, so sore, that we see not how it can be repaired. Who will come and take the place among our workers of our sainted Mrs. Penney? with spirit so gentle, with charity so sweet, will combine so rare good sense with fervor of interest, and promptness of execution in the practical details of work at home for pressing onward into all the earth the knowledge of our Lord? As we were intimately associated, I may be excused for mentioning here what has always been the secret charm of Mrs. Penney's work for missions. It was the conviction that there is between Jesus and his true friends a mutual trust; they trust Him to do all for them, and He trusts them, if they love Him, to keep His word, to give loving respect and response to His last expressed request, His culminating gift of trust. The hour is well remembered when this conviction seemed to take deep hold upon her. At once her interest began to awaken interest in others for sending abroad the precious Gospel. Within two weeks from that day a young lady of Augusta wrote to tell how Mrs. Penney called together the women and girls of the church to enlist them in organizing a missionary society, adding, "She never looked so beautiful before as when she was talking to us that afternoon."

Her native sweet modesty and shrinking self-distrust were soon enlisted with her heart,—were themselves baptized, and became attractive charms of her service. From the time she gave this loyal and loving response to her Lord, it was evident that she had, in her own Christian experience, a blessed recompense. He "manifested" Himself unto her, according to His word, in a way that was more and more precious to her and satisfying.

But as we were thankful one year ago for life preserved, so let us give thanks much more to-day for life and immortality so brought to light, that as we may know of this beautiful daughter of the King, that called in from the toil in the early afternoon of her earthly life, she has but passed through the gates, and, just a little before us, reached our Father's house.

"So she took.
The one grand step beyond the stars of God
Into the splendor, shadowless and broad,
Into the everlasting joy and light."

Let us now appreciate and cherish the toilers and agencies that are left. Conspicuous among these agencies is

#### OUR MAGAZINE,

respecting which we may justly be complacent if not proud. Nobly and gracefully is it performing its large and important share of the Home work. Financially it has every year come out more than secure. Its number of subscribers is a little more than thirty-six hundred. "The State of Maine," says the agent, "shows the most marked increase, sending this year nine hundred names, strong, for the mailing list," while Paige Street Church, Lowell, Mass., sends 88, the largest number from any one church. With a little increase of effort on all hands, we may soon reach the 5,000 subscribers, which will give a safe basis upon which we may venture upon the publication of our magazine monthly. This little effort would most manifestly "pay" in various ways, especially in the blessing it would bring to the larger number of readers. "I like your little HELPER. It has been a 'help' to me." said the editor of The Gospel in all Lands, of his own accord. in a conversation this summer. The publisher of The Heathen Woman's Friend asks for the article, "Is Any One Excused?" in our last number, to publish as a tract. Rev. Bro. Penney said in one of our Q. Ms., "Every number of this little magazine is worth the subscription price." The publishing committee are very sensible and judicious ladies. with the editor, herself devoted and eminently fitted for her work, are bent upon making it a bright, enlivening visitor to our homes, that shall bring with it real life pictures of things that we all need to know; that we shall be wiser and better for knowing, and happier, because it will, at the same time, open up to us ways by which we can ourselves let the "true light" shine upon the life represented by those same pictures, so that it may become bright and beautiful, where it is now dark and revolting.

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BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE AND EXCHANGE.

The two young ladies having this in charge have each a separate "drawer," one for essays, dialogues, recitations, etc., for use in public missionary meetings; the other for letters from missionaries, for the same use as well as for the regular monthly meetings of auxiliaries. Miss Kate Anthony, at the head of the first mentioned division, says, "This department has received twenty applications which have been answered by an average of nearly four articles to each one. These calls have come from Ohio, Michigan, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, and from seventeen different auxiliaries, quarterly meetings, etc." She adds, "I am convinced a great deal of helpful and valuable material is lying useless and unavailable for want of a little thought and care in forwarding to the bureau. We must have a constant incoming to supply the outgoing; a full supply of fresh, invigorating blood for these arteries; else there will be but a lingering life and final death. I do not, by any means, anticipate failure. On the contrary, I have much encouragement and enthusiasm in the work, and have in mind the germs of several plans for making the bureau more efficient."

Mrs. Andrews, in charge of the other department, says, the work of this year having been simply initiative, the existence and use of the bureau being but little understood, few of the auxiliaries have availed themselves of its aid, and the duties of her department have been light. She speaks of having used for circulation thus far, letters and extracts of letters furnished her by private correspondents of the missionaries. This suggests to other such correspondents how they also can make the letters they receive or extracts from them

widely useful.

We may indulge large expectations from this new agency; especially if our friends, on all hands, take "a little thought and care" to supply the needed fresh material for its use. And may God bless and reward the young ladies who have so

heartily taken up this work!

This enterprise, like all the rest of our work, involves some little expenses, which, in the aggregate are considerable, and so, every year, as the work progresses, we feel more and more need of an

#### INCIDENTAL FUND.

As yet very little has been contributed for this purpose. Our workers in some states are calling for leaflets for free circulation. Some of us are strongly impressed with the desirableness of such aids as leaflets offer, to be employed in certain ways. "It is apparent, for instance," says one of excellent judgment, "that the prompt putting of a small page containing 'Hints and Helps' in the hands of new workers would lift from them the burden of their inexperience and secure more confident and successful co-operation at once." But especially would this free circulation of leaflets be useful in places where neither the Star nor the HELPER comes, and where it would in many cases secure an entrance for one or both of these. But the Board shrinks persistently from devoting to these Home purposes any money contributed for And so, not to speak of other frequently recurring expenses, a considerable bill for publishing this year was met at the personal expense of members of the Board. Sometimes these incidental expenses are embarassing, and one case has been mortifying. May the Father raise up for us friends who shall include this particular one among the objects of their benevolence. It is an object that should commend itself to the attention of the auxiliaries.

#### DISTRICT REPORTS.

We are still unable to get anything like a full view of the home work and workers in the various districts, on account of the very deficient reports of some of their secretaries. Some of the secretaries are, however, a joy and support to to those who rely on them. The following will give such a view as we are able to present:

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Sebec, Miss Annie E. Bryant, Dover.

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Mrs. E. D. Wade, District Secretary, sends greeting with this report:

"Another year has closed its account and its record is sealed in eternity. The solemn question comes home, Have I done all I could for the Master? I have the consciousness of having tried, and may God bless the efforts to the good of others.

"Ellsworth Q. M. has one auxiliary, 40 members. Sixtyeight subscribers to the HELPER have raised during the year \$34.92. Supports one native teacher, her support being included in the \$34.92.

"The Secretary of Aroostook Q. M. cannot report at this time on account of sickness. She is an earnest worker, and

is doing good service for the Master.

"The Bangor auxiliary (Exeter Q. M.), has raised \$32. Rockland auxiliary (Montville Q. M.), has thirty-three members, twelve subscribers to HELPER, raised during the year \$21.65, and made forty garments for the poor of their own There are warm-hearted ladies in Rockland, and I am expecting still larger things of them. Think they will prove to have received a new impetus from the late yearly meeting held there. Sebec Q. M. has raised \$81.99; Springfield, \$10. 20. We reckon our year from Aug. 1, to Aug. 1. We hope to do better another year, as there is more than usual interest this fall. I have \$100 in treasury, collected within the last two weeks. Forty dollars of it is for Anthony Hall on the \$1,000 pledge. This district has raised during the year \$237. 94. These statistics were gathered chiefly at the Y. M., as the Q. M. secretaries with a very few exceptions have not been induced to send reports."

How much easier for the District Secretary, how much more accurate the account she could give, and how much pleasanter and better all around, if every Aux. and Q. M. secretary would cheerfully and promptly send in her filled

blanks! The good time will come!

The auxiliaries of this district are so far as known:

Auxiliaries — Abbott, Bangor, Burnham, Corinth, East Corinth, Dover and Foxcrott, South Dover, Ft. Fairfield, Danforth, Exeter, Ellsworth, Garland, Pittsfield, Presque Isle, Rockland,

Bands — Dover and Foxcroft, South Dover, Milo, Bradford, Charleston, Corinth, Abbott, Houlton ("The Gleaners"), Pittsfield.

MAINE CENTRAL DISTRICT - SECRETARY, Mrs. E. N. FERNALD, LEWISTON.

# 2. M. Secretaries.

Farmington, Mrs. A. D. TAYLOR, Bean's Corner, Jay. Anson, name and residence unknown. Bowdoin, Mrs C. F. PENNEY, Augusta, (deceased).

The District Secretary, not having gathered statistics, is

unable to make a report.

Information kindly furnished by Mrs. E. H. Butts, of Anson Q. M., shows positive advancement in that section. A Q. M. Society was organized there last December, but "has not as yet accomplished much." This can be said in its praise: it has a president who, though it was not her special duty, would take the pains to report the Q. M. because "some one" ought to do it before the Anniversaries. Mrs. B. reports five church auxiliaries. Of these, the one at E. New Portland, now in its first year, has eighteen members and takes seven or eight copies of the Missionary Helper. At Kingfield the auxiliary numbers fourteen. They have raised, the past year, \$21.40, and take seven copies of the Helper. At West New Portland the auxiliary has twelve members; raised this year \$20.00; five copies of the Helper taken.

"We have," says Mrs. B., "some really good, earnest missionary workers in this Q. M." But she finds many who, when approached on the subject of missions, give those oftrepeated, but disingenuous and hollow excuses, over which Satan must laugh, "Heathen enough at home;" "not able to give." O, how will these subterfuges appear to him who now so confidently resorts to them, when, "at the last day," as Jesus affirms, "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him!" How much will all such excuses weigh in the

balance with his commands?

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Bowdoin Q. M. — not reported — is sustaining an irreparable loss in the death of Mrs. Penney, its secretary. Some resolute steps forward are known to have been taken here during the last year. At Bowdoinham Ridge a new and vigorous auxiliary has been organized. It has reported quarterly (three quarters); has already remitted to the treasurer over \$20.00, the first quarter's remittance being for Anthony Hall. It proposes to support a native teacher; is interested to send a good delegation to Q. M. on mission day, and was at last accounts beginning in good season to make preparations for a public annual meeting. It is especially regretted that we have not a full report from this Q. M., as no other in our entire field has so many auxiliaries, reads so many Helpers, or raises so large an amount of money as this one. The ministers here have for six or seven years at every Q. M. assigned an hour to the women for missionary services. At the last session it chanced that there was no

lady present who had ever been relied on for active participation in the exercises of these meetings. But the hour was not allowed on that account to pass unimproved, and the meeting

was one of absorbing interest.

Mrs. Butler, the former efficient secretary of Farmington Q. M., has been obliged to resign her office; but we are happy o say that Mrs. A. D. Taylor, another earnest Christian and missionary worker, has been elected to fill her place. This Q. M. is known to have added this year three new ones to its number of auxiliaries. And, what is just as encouraging, its old ones are frequently giving proof of vigorous life. One of them, that at East Dixfield, though in a small and feeble church, takes, with its membership of seven, ten copies of the Helper, and has raised this year, \$34.07, furnishing a good example of what may be done, where there is a will, by a few individuals, under circumstances that are generally an excuse for doing nothing.

The auxiliaries of this District are as far as known, as fol-

Auxilaries — Anson Q. M. — Anson, North Anson, Athens, East New Portland, West New Portland, Kingfield. Bowdoin, Q. M. — Auburn, Augusta, Bath, Bowdoinham, Brunswick First Church, Brunswick Village, Gardiner, Hallowell, Lewiston Main Street, Lewiston Pine Street, Litchfield, West Bowdoin, Richmond, Topsham.

Bands — "The Seed Sowers," Lewiston, Main St.; "Mite Gatherers," W. Bowdoin, Augusta. Farmington, Q. M. — East Dixfield, Farmington, Farmington Falls, East New Sharon, North New Sharon, Bean's Corner, Chesterville, Phillips, Weld. Waterville Q. M. — Waterville.

MAINE WESTERN DISTRICT — SECRETARY, MRS. V. G. RAMSEY.

2. M. Secretaries.

York Co., Mrs. F. C. Bradeen, North | Cumberland, Mrs. E. Blake, Steep Berwick.

Mrs. Ramsey says: "It is impossible for the secretary to make an exact report of the work in this district, for the reason that she has not been able to obtain the necessary The organization is quite incomplete, and auxiliaries and mission bands have not been careful to report. We are sorry for this incompleteness, but so much information has been obtained that we know there are active and patient workers in the field, through whose efforts we believe, there is an increasing interest in our work. Doughty's Falls auxiliary organized last December, has already raised thirty dollars."

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Auxiliaries so far as known, are:

York Co. 2. M. - Saco, Biddeford, West Buxton, First North Berwick, Doughty's Falls, Shapleigh, Lyman. Parsonfield Q. M. - South Limington, Limerick,

East Parsonfield, South Parsonfield. Cumberland 2. M.—West Buxton, West Falmouth, Portland, Steep Falls. Otisfield 2. M.—East Otisfield.

Bands—Little Seed Sowers, Portland; Little Helpers, Limerick; Little Gleaners, South Parsonfield; Children's Band, Windham; Young People's Band, Raymond; Helping Hands, West Falmouth.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

## DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. G. C. WATERMAN, DOVER.

# 2. M. Secretaries.

Belknap, Mrs. J. T. WEEKS, Laconia, Lisbon, Mrs. M. J. BROWN. New Durham, Mrs. J. C. Osgood, Pittsfield.

Rockingham, Mrs. F. K. CHASE, Dover.

Sandwich, Mrs. G. W. GRIFFIN. Wolfboro, Mrs. I. B. Manning. Weare, Mrs. A. SARGENT, Wilmot Flat.

Mrs. Waterman says: "All the Q. Ms. have secretaries but not all have reported, therefore it is difficult to give an accurate report of what has been done in this Y. M. for missions during the last year.

We have thirteen auxiliaries and six bands. Interesting meetings have been held in connection with the Q. Ms. and

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Since the first of September a new interest has awakened in some of the Q. Ms. because of special work urged upon them, and that is to adopt Miss Lura Brackett as our missionary. We desire to do this in addition to the present work. Our Missionary Helper is well received, and a large number are taken."

Auxiliaries — Washington Street, Dover, New Hampton, New Market, Laconia. Madison Social Club, Candia, Danville, Northwood Ridge, Ashland, Concord, Bristol, Whitefield, Belmont.

Bands — Whitefield, Laconia, Dover, Ashland, Milton Mills, New Hampton.

#### VERMONT.

#### DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. F. P. EATON, CORINTH.

### 2. M. Secretaries.

Corinth, Mrs. F. P. EATON. Enosburg, Mrs. R. J. Russell, High-gate Center.

Huntington, Miss RUTH A. NEW-HALL, Waterbury Center. Wheelock, Mrs. J. M. PRESCOTT, Lyndon Center.

Strafford, Mrs. B. F. JEFFERSON, So. Strafford. Stanstead, MISS FANNIE R. MOULTON, Stanstead, P. Q.

Mrs. Eaton says: "At our recent Yearly Meeting, Saturday evening was devoted to a Woman's Missionary Meeting, at which much interest and zeal was manifest, and, according to reports, an increased interest has manifested itself during the past year. Some of our Q. Ms. are doing more than others—all are awakening more to the work. At Washington there has been organized this year through the earnest efforts of Mrs. L. G. Clarke, a children's band, consisting of 36 members, called 'Hopeful Workers.' I recommend church societies, if possible, otherwise Q. M. societies. Missionary meetings are held and collections taken, by which means considerable money is raised. The amount sent to the treasury from Vermont Y. M. that I know of, up to this time—not a whole year—is \$268.93. This included \$84.35 from Stanstead Q. M., P. Q. Number of auxiliaries, 12; members, 130; bands, 4; subscribers to Helper, 136. We love the mission cause and feel that we are sowing seed from which in due time a rich harvest will be gathered."

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. A. C. RUSSELL, LOWELL.

The secretary feels dissatisfied with her own work, as this is her first year in the service, and she has labored under some disadvantages besides those of inexperience. She, however, sends full statistics from all the auxiliaries except one, Haverhill, whose secretary being absent from home, had

not furnished her report.

Auxiliary of Paige Street Church, Lowell, Mrs. A. C. Russell, Secretary, gives number of members, 93; subscribers to HELPER, 80; meetings held, 6; money raised, \$148.19; expended as follows: \$5.00 for Minnesota, \$60.00 for Industrial school in India, \$5.00 for Home missions, and balance for Foreign. Mrs. Russell adds, "This society is able to report a very good year. It has held a public meeting once in three months, and they have been very interesting. ing the one held in April we had the pleasure of raising \$60.00 for a scholarship for the new Industrial School in India, it being the first money contributed for that purpose. This year our secretary has changed the time of its annual meeting from the first of January to the first of October, so that after this we may be able to report a full year at the Anniversaries in October. We have raised since Jan. I nearly as much as in all of last year." The above figures confirm the assertion that "this secretary is able to report a very good year."

"Mission Helpers," Mt. Vernon Church, Lowell, Miss Ina D. Pratt, Secretary, gives number in band, 25; subscribers to MISSIONARY HELPER, 50; money raised, \$45.00; expended as follows: Zenana work, \$5.00; Ragged schools, \$5.00; Rev. Mr. Clark, Kansas, \$5.00; Miss Franklin's salary, \$5.00; Miss Ida Phillips' salary, \$10.00, and Anthony Hall, \$10.00. Total, \$45.00.

This band comes very near "abounding unto every good work." It is beautifully proving the appropriateness of its name.

Somerville auxiliary, Miss Etta Costellow, Secretary, gives number of members, 13; number in band, 8; number of meetings held, 10; money raised, \$17.25.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. LEWIS DEXTER.

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"It is gratifying to report advancement in this District during the year. Extended knowledge of the work and its needs has been followed by increased receipts. More money has been raised than in any preceding year. The sisters, not satisfied with making their usual remittances, have generously responded to calls from other fields. They have manifested a commendable desire to become more intelligent workers. large attendance upon our quarterly conventions, and the enthusiasm evinced, are full of cheer and promise. The young people in many of our churches are entering heartily into the work. Several auxiliaries have assumed special work. Greenwich Street auxiliary has given nearly or quite a hundred dollars towards establishing a library, to be called the Dexter Library, in the study room of Myrtle Hall. Young People's Society of Roger Williams Church has pledged \$500 for finishing the Roger Williams Library room in Anthony Hall. Already \$200 or more of this has been forwarded. At the last session of the Western R. I. Q. M. \$100 was raised for Home and Foreign work. Steps were taken toward the organization of a Q. M. Woman's Missionary Society. The Q. M. Secretary, Mrs. Fenner, is doing a good work in that section. The churches and societies generally have freely responded to the call to meet the \$1,000 pledge for Anthony Hall. Papers, books and clothing have also been forwarded in answer to pleas from the South and West. We regret that our bands are not generally as active

as we desire. One band and one Young People's Society

have been organized the past year.

The New York City Church has contributed \$100 for Anthony Hall. They are anticipating a more complete organization for systematic work.

Auxiliaries - Blackstone, Carolina Mills - "Young People's Society;" Greenville; Providence—Greenwich Street, "Greenwich Street Young People's Society,"
Park Street, Roger Williams, Roger Williams Young People's Society, Pond Street; Olneyville, Pascoag, Pawtucket,

Bands — Blackstone, Centredale, Farnumsville (Mass.), Greenville, Olneyville,

Pascoag, Pawtucket, Park Street.

Contributions are received from the following churches: Auburn, Georgiaville, New Shoreham, New York City, Taunton, Tiverton, Chepachet, East Killingly, (Conn.), Foster Union, N. Foster, W. Scituate, and W. R. I. Q. M.

Mrs. L. C. Griffin, Home Secretary, sends the following information from

#### NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

Of the work in the Association we have received but fragmentary reports during the year, and no summary can be given.

There has been some progress in the work of organization, and most of the old societies are working steadily on. We assure you there are many faithful workers here, and the

cause will not be forgotten.

Mrs. Griffin has lately been appointed Superintendent of missionary work in the Central Association. SIONARY HELPER is an appreciated blessing, and the public meetings held by churches and Q. Ms. are a source of strength recognized more and more.

#### MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Griffin also reports: "From Mrs. Koon's reports, promptly sent, we gather the following facts from the Michi-

gan Y. M.:

Of our eleven Q. Ms. eight have organized missionary societies, and one more, the Oakland, is raising much money and holding live missionary meetings. We hope it will soon organize. The Lansing Q. M. Society has been lately organized and with good prospects.

Forty-nine auxiliaries are reported, a few of them formed during the year, and almost all gathering strength as the time goes by. Some, however, are becoming discouraged and neglecting duty.

We are giving more attention to work for children, and a few bands have been formed, which is, we hope, but the beginning.

We are seeking to arrange permanently for our running expenses, for it is certainly a defective institution that cannot run itself on a sound financial basis. Realizing the great need of more money for God, we are most thankful for the deepening interest, and look forward to the future with faith and hope."

#### CENTRAL OHIO.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. J. B. LASH, WEST MANSFIELD.

Mrs. Lash sends a very pleasant account of the interest Ohio is taking in the missionary of their adoption, Miss Nellie Phillips, who, with her mother, Mrs. Dr. Jeremiah Phillips, sailed for India September 24. Having spoken of a meeting of the State Association at Springfield, a short time before Miss Phillips sailed, and of their pleasure in seeing and hearing her there, and in contributing a sum necessary for the purchase of medical instruments and medicines for her use in practice, Mrs. Lash proceeds: "We all thought it good to be there, and that we were blessed in giving for her support. We all feel that she and her interests are dear to our hearts, and that our prayers, with our best wishes and our money shall follow her, that the dear Saviour may care for her and make her a bright light to lead those to whom she may go to trust in the Redeemer whom she loves. As Ohio has adopted her as our missionary, it becomes necessary that we unite our efforts to secure for her a good support, that she may not feel for a moment that she is a burden to us. Miss Phillips thought it best that we organize a State society auxiliary to the Association, and have Q. M. societies auxiliary to the State society, and so on. She wrote a constitution, and the ladies adopted it. We have one president and one vice-president in each Y. M." Mrs. L. intended to send her report of this year, but it has not arrived. From Miss Laura Greeley, District Secretary of O. Y. M., no recent news has come; but the last, which was published in the Helper gave several examples of progress. Our heartiest congratulations are with our sisters in Ohio in this undertaking. Their contributions will not pass through our

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treasury, but we are not, on that account, any less in sympathy with them, as co-workers with us; for their work and ours is still one.

#### INDIANA.

NORTHERN DISTRICT SECRETARY, Mrs. H. W. VAUGHN, LE GRANGE.

Mrs. Vaughn accepted a district secretaryship in this State early in the spring, and has been cheerfully and faithfully doing "what she could." Difficulties exist there in the way of organizing societies that shall work for the objects of the F. B. W. M. S. Especially is this the case in her own Q. M., Le Grange. This is the home of our Bro. Coldren, and this Q. M. is contributing over a \$100 a year for his support. In addition to this the Hawpatch Church or Sunday School has this summer raised, at a festival, \$25 for Bro. Coldren's native preacher. If societies were formed in the churches there having the support of Bro. Coldren and his work for the chief object, they would often also have little "gleanings" which they, as women, would love to send for the benefit especially of women, and so they would be occasionally joining hands with us, and it would be both pleasant and helpful in many ways.

Mrs. Vaughn says: "The other Q. Ms. are doing some thing for missions, but I cannot tell how much. I hope the time is not far distant when we shall have an organization in our Y. M. We shall make some effort to increase the number of subscribers to the Helper the coming year." In a former letter Mrs. Vaughn says: "I have been a subscriber for the Helper since its commencement, and like it so much. I often feel that there is thirty cents worth in one number. If our sisters knew the worth of them there would be a much

larger circulation."

Miss Jaqueth, of Indiana, sends no report. From former communications it may be presumed she feels that there is so little to be reported that it is scarcely worth while to dip her pen for it. She has some encouragements, and going faithfully forward, sowing "beside all waters," will be sure to have more and more.

From Illinois we have nothing new.

#### WISCONSIN.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. O. H. TRUE, STEWART.

From Mrs. True, there is no recent communication. From correspondence of the year are gathered these items: Four years ago a Y. M. Woman's Missionary Society was organized. Its object was to promote mission work in the State. At the annual meeting in June, of last year, it was voted to devote the money then in the treasury to zenana teaching. A lady was appointed in each Q. M. to look after the work in her locality. Each society was to send its money to any of our benevolent societies at its own option. Mrs. True thought, at the time of writing, that there were six of these societies. Mrs. E. D. Lewis was President of the Y. M. Society, and Mrs. O. H. True, Financial Secretary. Judging from this excellent system, and from what we know of the above officers, we are sure that, in that new, broad field, among churches widely scattered, a foundation is being laid for grand results, to be heard from in the future.

#### IOWA.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MISS LOU E. CHAMPLIN, WATERLOO.

Miss Champlin reports continued interest and a prospect of new auxiliaries being formed. There is always a ring of life in her letters. It has been a joy to thus come in contact with her strong and earnest spirit.

Waterloo Society. Number of members, 36; amount collected since Jan. 1, with what was in the treasury at that date, \$36.91; sent to Foreign missions, \$12; to Home missions, \$5.00; for benefit of Waterloo Church, \$7.50; money orders, \$30; in treasury, \$12.11; number of Helpers taken, 18.

Wilton Society, organized Aug. 28, 1880; membership, 10; number of Helpers taken, 10; amount raised, \$13.69; appropriated to Foreign missions, \$8.60, and the remainder to fitting up a bed for Storer Normal School, and to the purchase of a book for secretary.

Edgecomb Society. Number of members, 8; amount of money raised, \$7.00; appropriated to Foreign missions, \$2.00; Home missions, \$5.00. This is but a partial report.

Miss Champlin says: "I have some encouraging news, as I have received from the Pleasant Valley Q. M. two applications for copies of a constitution, and some copies of the Helper. Some good ladies are going to try and organize two societies, and I hope soon to have a good report from them."

Besides the above, Iowa has a state society that is raising money for various purposes, home and foreign.

#### CLOSING WORDS.

In laying down the home secretaryship, which has been for these two years, as I have painfully felt, but very inadequately sustained, I wish to thank you for the patience that I have felt in the midst of my other duties and many cares that you were called upon to exercise.

And now, it is in my heart to say to you all some closing words. First, Whatever obstacles may, at any time, seem to be in your path, do not for an instant yield to discouragement. Ours is a winning cause.

On entering upon the preparation of this report, looking quite sadly over the past year upon the small amount of our work as compared with the world's immense need, there came with a flood of cheer, and I believe from the Comforter, these words, "All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God!"

Isaiah, by the divine uplifting, was able to look off into the far future and behold the entire earth, shining under the peace and good will of Messiah's reign. It was dark, dark about him as, confidently, and no doubt exultingly, he traced the glowing words. Since then, the "day star" has arisen, the Sun has come up! The high places of the earth were long since glorified in His light. The rays have streamed down into some of the low places. The isles of the sea are lighting up. The valley of the Ganges and the adjacent plain have many a sparkling spot. Africa and China and Japan are fast catching the life-bringing beams. We dwell upon one of the heights. A beacon lifted high flings its light afar, and so from ours, though so feebly gleaming, rays are reaching half-way round the globe. In one deep ravine, far far off where men, women and children are groping together in the darkness, the beam that passed through us has been penetrating, this last year, with increasing strength. Let us

bear in mind, this spiritual Sun — this Sun of Righteousness, like the natural sun, must have an atmosphere to transmit its rays. The spirits of men must supply the medium — must receive and convey the light. Alas, the faintness with which we are reflecting the glory that falls on us! Alas, the shroudings in self, and the earth vapors through which it can but

dimly gleam!

One thing more. Let us bear in mind and act upon this truth: the only sure foundation for a genuine and permanent interest in missions is love and loyalty to Jesus. In proportion as He becomes a living presence with the soul, his word law, and love for him the controlling motive, will that soul, of necessity, have a genuine desire to help in making him known everywhere. Interest springing from any other motive is likely to be spasmodic, if not spurious. The one is a pure and living spring that flows spontaneously, the other but a well, whose waters flow only as they are pumped. Let us, then, seek chiefly, both for ourselves and for those whose sympathies in good works we wish to enlist, such a living union with Christ, such abiding in him, as will show itself in all our work; whose natural outcome is service for others in sympathy with his will.

In this spirit we shall not neglect the needs within our own country because of interest in Foreign Missions; nor, on the other hand, will the overflow of our sympathies be checked by our country's boundary line. Listening to the voice of the Master, we shall be called each to that department of the one great work in which He sees He can use us best. Meantime, in this we will rejoice: "All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." This is his purpose. However slowly and half-heartedly we may have offered gifts and service for the progress of his plan, it is steadily, and of late, rapidly, moving forward toward the grand consummation. Is there not both comfort and incentive to service. in the knowledge that his will is perpetually operative for the securing of this transcendent purpose? Silent and unseen it works, recognized only by its effects; and these often mysterious, bringing present pain, disappointment, and grief; but always found, in the end, to be gracious, beneficent, bearing humanity forward and upward. If we often pause and think who He is that is thus perpetually working for the unfolding to all the world of his salvation, that He is really what He declares himself to be - love - and our

Father, I think it will help us to grow in sympathy with him in this great purpose, so that we shall find ourselves saying with Christ, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." We shall come, more and more to realize our Saviour's prayer: "As thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us." And what reason does He give for asking this? "That the world may know that Thou hast sent me." For, as the Father's love embraces all the ends of the earth, not only because of its amplitude but because of its very nature, so our love, as it becomes purified from selfishness, genuine, and thus like his love, leaps all boundary lines between the near and the remote, and we put on the chief characteristic of the family whose children we are, of whom God, who is love, is the Father, and Jesus Christ, who gave himself for all, is the Elder Brother. MRS. A. C. HAYES, Home Secretary.

# MINUTES.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met in the vestry of the Free Baptist Church in Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 5, 1881, at 1.30 P. M. Mrs. E.S. Burlingame, the President, occupied the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

The records of the year were read, corrected, and approved.

The reading of the reports of the Home and Corresponding Secretaries and of the Treasurer, which had passed before the Board, was de-

ferred to the public anniversary.

The Chair appointed the following persons on nomination of officers: Mrs. Dexter, of Rhode Island, Mrs. Hills, of New Hampshire, Mrs. Porter, of Massachusetts, Mrs. Hayes, of Maine, and Mrs. Gerrish, of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Ramsey presented the following with reference to the death of

Mrs. Penney:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his inscrutable wisdom, to remove our beloved sister and fellow-laborer here to his higher service above; therefore, while we bow to his holy will, knowing He is too wise to err, too good to be unkind, we desire to express not only our deep sympathy with her bereaved and deeply afflicted husband and children, but our own sorrow and sense of loss.

In view of her beautiful and useful life, we pray for an endowment of the Spirit that rested on her; that we may be able to take up and carry

forward the work that fell from her hands.

An appropriate poem also was read by Mrs. J. B. Davis.

#### ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

This session opened with singing of the hymn,
"All hail the power of Jesus' name!"

and the President read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

The Corresponding Secretary's Report was read by Miss DeMeritte.

Mrs. Hayes presented portions of her annual report, and extracts from
the reports of the District Secretaries were read by Miss French. Miss
DeMeritte presented the Treasurer's account for the year.

Mrs. Brewster, editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER, was then introduced, and spoke for a half-hour.

#### ADJOURNED SESSION.

The Committee on Nominations presented their report, which was adopted, and the following officers elected (See page 2 of Report).

The Committee on procuring a charter was continued, and Mrs. Batchelder and Mrs. Davis, both of Maine, were added to the committee.

There was considerable discussion on the subject of leaflets, their importance, and the best method of providing the means for their publication. It was voted that this object be combined with those of the Incidental Fund, making the fund to be known as the Literature and Incidental Fund. The care of it was placed in the hands of Mrs. Brewster, of Rhode Island, Mrs. Bowen, of Maine, and Mrs. Clark, of Rhode Island.

It was voted to print a report of thirty-two pages, as a supplement to the Helper. Adjourned to call of Corresponding Secretary.

#### MRS. G. C. WATERMAN,

Recording Secretary, pro tem.

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# APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1882.

#### INDIA.

# Midnapore.

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Salary of Miss Mary Bacheler,		\$300 0	00
Zenana work (Mrs. and Miss Bacheler), .		250 0	00
Ragged schools (Mrs. J. L. Phillips),		300	co
Support of Miss Hattie Phillips,		500 0	00
Schools (Mrs. Lawrence),		100	00
Jellasore.			
Girls' orphanage and schools (Miss Crawford),		200 0	00
Bhimpore.			
Teachers and schools (Mrs. Burkholder), .		150	00
Balasore.			
Salary of Miss Ida Phillips,		400 0	00
Zenana and district work,	•	295	00
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Total for India.

# HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VA.

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Total,	•	•	•	•			•	9	\$3,225	00

By wote of the Board, all sums that come into the treasury for the work at Harper's Ferry are thus appropriated, and the same is true of the Industrial School at Midnapore.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1881.

#### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1880		\$482 08
For Foreign Missions, including one-half bequest	**** **	
of Mrs L. Shipman	\$501 94	
Zenana work	183 50	
Miss Hattle Fillips work and Salary	506 31	
" Miss I. Phillips' work and salary	251 47	
" Miss L. Crawford's work	100 41	
" Mrs. T. W. Burkholder's work	87 10	
" Mrs. O. R. Bacheler's work	83 00	
" Mrs. J. L. Phillips' work	76 00	
" Mrs. R. M. Lawrence's work	26 00	
" Home Missions, including one-half bequest		
of Mrs. L. Shipman	292 52	
" Harper's Ferry	57 46	
" Miss Lura Brackett's salary	28 00	
" Miss, C. Franklin's salary	27 00	
"General work, home and foreign	846 24	
From overplus in India treasury	12 20	
"Interest on money borrowed	15 03	
Total receipts for yearly appropriation, \$3,094.18	15 03	
For Anthony Holl (on trace plades)	18. 00	
For Anthony Hall (on \$1,000 pledge)	481 33	
" Library in Anthony Hall	100 00	
ATAYTEM ALGERTANCE CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY	36 88	
Industrial School	65 80	
" Working capita!	124 15	
On Storer College note	15 88	
For incidental fund	15 82	
Total Receipts		\$3,934 04
		\$4.416 12

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

DISBURSEMENTS.		
For Miss L. Crawford, for orphanage	200 00	
" Mrs. O. R. Bacheler, for zenana support	200 00	
" Mrs. J. L. Phillips, for ragged schools	400 00	
" Mrs. T. W. Burkholder, for schools	150 00	
" Miss I. Phillips, for District work and schools	270 00	
" Miss H. Phillips, for support	100 00	
" Mrs. R. M. Lawrence, for schools	50 00	
" Miss H. Phillips, for salary	400 00	
" Miss I. Phillips, for salary	360 00	
Miss M. Bacheler for salary	300 00	
" Mrs. Brackett, for special work	150 00	
" Aid of Students at Harper's Ferry	30 00	
" Miss C. Franklin, for salary	200 00	
" Miss L. Brackett, for salary	350 00	
" Publishing Reports	111 72	
" Publishing condensed reports in Register	15 25	
" Interest on borrowed money	2 91	
" Money lost in letter	1 00	
" Disbursements for yearly appropriations,		
\$3,290.88. Owed Miss I. Phillips \$40.00,		
making total yearly appropriation 3,330.88		
" Miss French, traveling expenses to Nova		
Scotia	21 57	
" Anthony Hall, due Sept. 30, 1880	140 14	
" Anthony Hall, received since 1880	481 33	
" Anthony Hall, for Library	100 00	
" Myrtle Hall	36 88	
" Investment of working capital	124 15	
" Investment of money received from Storer		
College note	15 88	
Total Disbursements		\$4,210 83
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1881		205 29
		\$4,416 12
Of this balance, \$40.00 is owed to Miss I. Phill trial School, and \$2.75 to Incidental Fund.	lips, \$65.80	to Indus-
INVESTMENTS.		
Relance of note against Stores College	116 00	
Balance of note against Storer College  Deposited in Strafford Co. Saving Bank	156 90 506 67	
Deposited in Stranford Co, Saving Dank	500 07	\$662
		\$663 57
These investments are for		
These investments are for	#	
A new missionary	\$128 92	
A working capital	534 65	

# LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched, and the investments made as per statement.

MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, Auditor.

Receipts were received from the following sources	Receipts	were	received	from	the fol	llowing	sources:
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2000-1-0			
Maine	\$1,072	61	
Rhode Island		27	
Vermont	582	53	
New Hampshire	460		
Massachusetts	299	06	
New York			
Ohio	91	66	
Province of Quebec	84	35	
Michigan	50	75	
Illinois	44	90	
Minnesota	39	75	
Wisconsin	36		
Iowa		-	
Missouri	28	2	
Nova Scotia	_		
West Virginia	20		
New Jersey	. 7	-	
Indiana	5		
Ontario	-	00	
Connecticut	2	70	
Colorado		30	
Pennsylvania		30	
Interest	15		
Miscellaneous	90	63	
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Total receipts..... \$3,934 04

# RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, BY STATES, SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION, JUNE, 1873.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.
Maine			407 80	365 19	592 54	862 01	768 21	1115 03	1072 61
N. Hampshire			377 30	408 19	369 27	659 32	594 60	741 36	460 59
Vermont			51 70	41 62	93 10	162 25			582 53
Massachusetts			56 00	117 43	187 38	223 53	152 08	268 70	299 06
Rhode Island.			95 00	231 16	332 17	746 95	921 22	637 10	
New York			2 25	15 00	3 50	171 14	53 00	61 00	133 58
West Virginia.						154 46			
Ohio									91 66
Indiana				******					5 00
Illinois					27 85	35 65	8 65	. 9 95	
Iowa				23 00	15 00	5 05	22 75	44 72	40 60
Michigan						-1 01			
Wisconsin									
Minnesota			12 55				46 00	17 25	
Missouri									28 00
Kansas				*****	****	12 00	2 50		
Pro. of Quebec								68 33	
Other States									
Miscellaneous.			58 99	31 45	27 17	343 43	100 96	165 78	105 66
7	535 40	667 59	1108 25	1269 64	1798 03	3691 58	3126 22	3550 97	3934 04

